Jarmila Vacková Fellowship

Brno, Czech Republic, Feb 15–May 23, 2027
Application deadline: Dec 15, 2026

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The Department of Art History at the Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University in Brno, invites applications for the Jarmila Vacková Fellowship, a one-month visiting research fellowship to be held in the Spring Semester 2027. The Fellowship is named in memory of the art historian Jarmila Vacková (1930–2011), a graduate of the Department.

About the Department
The Department of Art History at Masaryk University is a leading centre for art history in the Czech Republic. Its research and teaching span the art and visual culture of Central Europe from the Middle Ages to the present day. The Department hosts several collaborative research projects and offers a regular programme of events, including guest lectures, work-in-progress sessions, reading groups, and conferences. The Department also publishes the peer-reviewed journals Opuscula Historiae Artium and Art East Central.

Research focus
The Fellowship is open to research projects across all fields of art history and visual culture, spanning the medieval period to contemporary art, with a particular interest in projects that engage with Central Europe or align with the Department's research programme. Proposals may address established areas of the discipline as well as emerging challenges, such as global perspectives, eco-art history and post-colonial approaches.

Eligibility
The Fellowship is open to researchers who are within 8 years of finishing their PhD in art history or a related field.

Duration, funding and facilities
The Fellowship is a short residency of 30 days (approximately four weeks), to be taken during the Spring Semester 2027 (February–June 2027). The Fellow receives a stipend of €2,000 (approximately 50,000 CZK), intended to cover travel and accommodation in Brno and to contribute towards living expenses. The total amount is fixed; the Fellow may propose a longer stay on the same stipend. The Fellow is provided with a desk in the Department office, access to the Faculty and Department libraries, and academic support from Department members. By agreement, the Fellow may continue to use the Department's facilities beyond the funded period; however, no additional financial support is available for this extension.

Expectations
The Fellow will conduct their research with the support of the Department and is expected to:

- take an active part in the academic life of the Department and its programme of events;
- deliver a public lecture on a topic of their choice;
- lead a work-in-progress session or workshop (please suggest a format in your application) and engage in intellectual exchange with members of the Department.

How to apply
Please prepare a single PDF containing:
- A covering letter (maximum 800 words) stating your motivation for joining the Department of Art History, how you see your work fitting into the Department's research programme, an outline of the research project you propose to undertake during the Fellowship, and your preferred dates for the residency;
- A CV, including a list of publications;
- A writing sample (e.g. an article or a book/thesis chapter; maximum 9,000 words).

Send your application by email to Dr. Julia Secklehner: secklehner@phil.muni.cz

The deadline for applications is 15 December 2026. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by 18 January 2027. Please direct any enquiries to the email address above.

Selection Committee
Dr. Jan Galeta
Dr. Lenka Panušková
Dr. Julia Secklehner
Dr. Tomáš Valeš

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