

**Ri Freer Prize Fellowships**

**About the Ri and Philip Freer**:Founded in 1799, the Ri is a world-famous independent charity dedicated to enhancing public understanding of science and the role of science in society.Among its many luminaries, the analytical chemist and pioneer of modern experimental physics, Michael Faraday, is the most famous.Philip Freer was a collateral descendant of Faraday and a great philanthropist who established the Philip Freer Trust to support postgraduate students to “make a difference in the world”.

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**Type of award:** Prize Fellowship for doctoral candidates in their unfunded writing-up year.

**Areas of research supported:** history of science and technology; heritage conservation science; history of the Royal Institution.

**Stipend**:£18,000 (the Fellowship will pay maintenance but not fees).

**Duration of Fellowship**:12 months (commencing 30 September 2022).

**Application materials**: CV (no more than 2 sides); personal details (see application form); general interest pitch of the applicant’s doctoral research (750 words and a short film of no more than 2 minutes); thesis summary (no more than 500 words); names and contact details for 2 referees including PhD supervisor (referees will only be contacted at short-list stage).

**Eligibility**: At the point of taking up the award, applicants must be registered for graduate study at their home institution (and so have access to institutional resources).

**Deadline for applications**: 1 April 2022 at 12:00 midday UK time.

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**Ri Freer Prize Fellowship purpose:** The Ri Freer Prize Fellowships are intended as writing-up awards for doctoral candidates researching the history of science; history of the Royal Institution; or heritage conservation science. Ri Freer Prize Fellowships are awarded based on candidates’ ability to identify and communicate the significance and potential of their research in a compelling way that can engage a general interest audience. For further details see the Criteria for Assessment.

**Ri Freer Prize Fellow support**: Ri Freer Prize Fellows will benefit from significant opportunities to promote their research on Ri platforms, and to establish valuable new contacts and collaborations in academia, industry, heritage, policy, charity and media sectors. In addition to the stipend, Ri Freer Prize Fellows will receive mentorship from UCL and Ri Lecturer in the History of Science and Technology, Dr Jenny Bulstrode. This will include help in planning their future through career advice; assistance with applications for jobs, postdoctoral applications and fellowships; and guidance with publication plans and research grant applications.

**Ri Freer Prize Fellow commitments**:Ri Freer Prize Fellows will commit to a number of general interest outputs to promote their research. The precise nature of these outputs will be decided in discussion with the mentor but are suggested to include short films; tours for visitors to Ri collections; and blogs. Ri Freer Prize Fellows will be supported to produce these outputs and where appropriate link their work to Ri collections and heritage as part of research promotion. Ri Freer Prize Fellows are not required to live in London but will be required to attend key events.

**Application Process**: Applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts in the specified subject areas. There will be no interview. Referees are only contacted at the short-listing stage. 3 Ri Freer Prize Fellows will be announced by 1 August 2022. All queries should be directed to Dr Jenny Bulstrode, <jbulstrode@ri.ac.uk>.