

James Menzies Chinese Research Fellowship Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto

Established in 2009, the James Menzies Chinese Research Fellowship exists to promote research as it relates to the ROM's Chinese collection, with particular emphasis on the Menzies collection. The two priorities of the James Menzies Fellowship are as follows:

1. As its top priority, Chinese scholars to undertake research on the ROM's Chinese collection, with priority given to research and publication of the Menzies collection of oracle bones, bronzes and pottery in the context of the ROM's total collection.
2. As a second priority, if a suitable Chinese scholar is not available after an extensive search (at least a year), then the fund is to enable ROM Curators and other Canadian scholars to undertake research on the ROM's Chinese collection with priority being given to research and publication of the Menzies collection of oracles bones, bronzes and pottery in the context of the ROM's Chinese collection.

Eligibility

Available to Ph.D. candidates, junior and senior scholars, from Canada or China, whose research can make direct use of, or support, the ROM's Chinese collections.

Application Procedure

I. Preliminary applications:

It is advisable to confirm the relevance of ROM collections to your research in advance by writing to the Chair of the James Menzies Chinese Research Fellowship Committee. We can provide overviews of our collection or complete catalogue records for specific areas. We can also provide information on places to stay, costs, etc. contact:

Chair, James Menzies Chinese Research Fellowship
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II. Final applications:

Applications must be received by mail or email before or on Oct 31. Faxed copies will not be accepted. Completed applications must include:

- Cover page with name; address; project title; project summary (maximum of 100 words); budget total; proposed starting date; and signature;

- Detailed description of research including objectives; background; research description; methodology; role of ROM's collections; and previous work supporting research (6 pages maximum)
- Significance of research (1 page maximum)
- Dissemination of research
- Detailed budget
- Proposed dates for research
- Current *curriculum vitae*
- Letters of support from at least two people familiar with the work of the applicant

Notification

Applications will be reviewed by a committee, chaired by the ROM's Deputy Director, Collections & Research, and including senior curatorial staff of the ROM's East Asian Section. If applicable, the committee may also include an external member, for example a member of the University of Toronto's Far Eastern faculty or York University's East Asian faculty. The committee may also seek outside peer assessment. Grants will be evaluated based upon the way the proposed project fulfills the purposes of the James Menzies Chinese Research Fellowship.

Granting decisions are anticipated to be made before March 1 annually.

Requirements of Successful Candidates

The successful applicant must spend all or most of the time in Toronto working with ROM collections. Successful candidates are expected to:

1. Give a presentation at the annual ROM Research Colloquium, if schedule allows.
2. Provide a full report based on his/her work to date at the end of the term.
3. Publish items researched in ROM collections, perhaps as an article in the museum's members magazine, *ROM*, and
4. Provide a written copy of his/her findings concerning individual artifacts in our collection so that these may be incorporated into our computerized catalogue records, with appropriate credit and recognition.

Foreign applicants are responsible for obtaining any necessary visas, permits, etc.