New fellowships provide access to university library special collections

Council of Australian University Libraries (CAUL) and the Australian Society of Authors (ASA) are pleased to announce a new, joint fellowship program.

The fellowships will provide access to the university libraries’ special collections, affording artists, authors, scholars and researchers an opportunity to work on projects that will benefit from concentrated access to these collections. CAUL and the ASA expect to award three fellowships in 2014.

The fellowships will facilitate access to university libraries’ special collections and offer up to $15,000 in non-salary funding for visiting artists, authors, scholars and researchers working on projects related to the collections. The grants could be used for travel, accommodation or other project-related expenses.

The fellowships to be awarded in 2014 have been made possible through the Copyright Agency Cultural Fund.

“CAUL is delighted with the support for the fellowship program as we are committed to broadening access to research collections in Australian university libraries,” says Heather Gordon, CAUL President. “Our special collections and archives include many rare and unique materials that we are excited to showcase and share with researchers and visitors. Our collaboration with the Australian Society of Authors will further scholarship and generate creative engagement by Australians.”

“The ASA is looking forward to working with CAUL to deliver this important initiative,” says Angelo Loukakis, ASA Executive Director. “As a way to facilitate research and help create new work, these new fellowships make a lot of sense.”

Applications will be invited from artists, authors, scholars and researchers from Australia. More details on the application process will be available soon.

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