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## **NATIONAL LIBRARY FELLOWSHIPS OPENING SOON**

Applications for the 2012 National Library of Australia's Fellowships open on February 1, Member for West Swan Rita Saffioti said today.

"Fellowships are available through the National Library to scholars, researchers and writers to give them the time and means to use the library's rich collection of books, journals, papers, maps, music and many other resources," Ms Saffioti said.

The National Library of Australia offers a range of fellowships, including:

- Japan Fellowships – an annual fellowship to researchers in Japanese studies;
- Harold White Fellowships – for established writers and researchers; and
- Minerals Council of Australia Fellowships – open to established Australian and international researchers in relevant disciplines.

Shadow Minister for Culture and the Arts John Hyde said in some cases Fellows can give the National Library the first opportunity to publish the results of their research.

"Fellowships include return airfares to Canberra, an honorarium of \$850 per week, the use of a fully equipped office, 24 hour access to the library and often reference support staff," Mr Hyde said.

"Successful applicants can stay in Canberra for a continuous block of at least three months.

"I encourage all interested people to check out the information on the website as many Western Australians are unaware of this great Federal initiative."

Full information is available on the National Library of Australia website at [www.nla.gov.au](http://www.nla.gov.au) in the grants section.

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