



BRITISH SCHOOL *at* ATHENS
AN INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH

Trustee role on BSA Council

Applications are invited from those interested in becoming a member of Council of the British School at Athens to serve for four years from 1 April 2027. The BSA aims to have a diverse Council and is looking for trustees from varied communities with expertise in business/finance, academic partnerships and programmes, outreach, scientific work and major project design/management at any career stage.

Applicants should send to the School Administrator (school.administrator@bsa.ac.uk) a CV and a covering letter explaining how the applicant believes their skills and expertise match the requirements of the role. Applicants should also supply the names, phone number and email address of two referees, who have agreed to provide letters of reference sent directly to the School Administrator by the closing date. Responses will be reviewed by the Search Committee, which may be followed by an informal interview, and a recommendation be made to Council, for formal approval in late September.

The **deadline** for applications is **Friday, 10th July 2026**.

FURTHER INFORMATION

An educational charity founded in 1886, **the British School at Athens (BSA)** is the UK's research hub in the humanities and social sciences in Greece and its wider Balkan, European, Mediterranean and Levantine contexts. It conducts, facilitates and promotes research of international excellence in all periods – from the Palaeolithic to the present – and across all humanities and social science disciplines, as well as offering targeted courses to develop the next generation of researchers and academics in those fields. Greece's centrality in the history of the western tradition, combined with its key position in post-Ottoman southern Europe and on the front line of the current refugee crisis, make it an unusually rich location for research.

The BSA forms part of the British Academy's network of British International Research Institutes (BIRI) which sustains and supports British research overseas. In Athens we support research in Greece and neighbouring countries as well as collaborations with local institutions. Our 140-year history brings a strong reputation, an unparalleled regional network, an accumulation of library and

material resources, and a body of expertise that benefit both UK-based researchers and those who engage with us as research partners. Typically, over 750 researchers and almost 1,000 students use our facilities annually and the BSA collaborates with around 26 UK and 65 institutions worldwide, the majority in Greece.

The British School at Athens is a membership organisation with UK charitable status (no. 208673). Its patron is HM King Charles III. It is recognised as a not-for-profit institution in Greece. Its constitution, purpose and objectives are defined in its [Statutes](#).

The governing body of the School is its Council, members of which are Trustees under the terms of the Charities Act 1993. The Council consists of the Chair (Professor Sir Roderick Beaton), Honorary Treasurer (Mr Huw Smith), 4 members elected by the School's Supporters for a 4-year term, 2 members elected by School Members for a 2-year term, and 4 nominated members elected by Council for a 4-year term. A Vice-Chair (Dr Daniel Stewart) is elected from its number. The Search Committee considers the balance of skills and interests represented on the Council whenever a nominated vacancy arises, identifies potential nominees by all appropriate means, and puts forward names for consideration so as to ensure that the Council is equipped to exercise critical scrutiny of all areas of the School's operation. An Annual General Meeting of Supporters is empowered to amend the Statutes and receives the Financial Statements and a report of the work of the School, and must appoint the School's Auditors.

Council is advised by six executive Committees – for Archaeology, for Society, Arts, and Letters, for Finance and General Purposes and for the Fitch Laboratory (the Chairs of which are members of Council), for Publications and Research Dissemination and for the Friends' activities – and in turn by a series of Subcommittees. Members serve for 4-year terms, running from 1st April. Upcoming vacancies on Committees and Subcommittees of Council are advertised on this website during the autumn of the preceding year, and potential applicants are encouraged to apply to the Chair of the relevant committee. Each (sub)committee is responsible for reviewing applications and making nominations for membership to the February Council meeting or Annual General Meeting as appropriate.

The Governance Committee conducts periodic reviews of the School's governance, and ensures that it is compliant with UK legislation and regulations, and other requirements placed upon it (including those of the Charity Commission).

Council meets three times a year (in February, late June and late September / early October). The meetings are held in London at the British Academy except for the autumn one which is held in Athens); in-person attendance is strongly encouraged but facilities are also available for online participation.