

Loans Policy

General

The National Historical Museums (SHM) grant loans for the purpose of making the collections available to a broader audience as well as to increase knowledge of and interest in the collections in our care.

SHM's government directive states that SHM shall keep a selection of the collections available to the public, support regional and local museums, promote the advancement of knowledge based on research and engage in international and intercultural exchange and cooperation. Making the collections available for loan is one way we strive to fulfil this directive.

SHM grants loans for exhibition and research purposes to museums, as well as other cultural and research institutions in Sweden and internationally. Loans may also be granted to the parishes of the Church of Sweden, as a large part of SHM's ecclesiastical collections have been acquired from these parishes.

All loans are granted for a fixed term and for a specific purpose.

SHM's ambition is to grant the loan requests we receive in as many cases as possible. However, in some cases SHM are unable to grant loan requests. Reasons for rejection include, but are not limited to, the physical condition of the object, the borrower's ability to meet the necessary requirements and prior commitments already made for the object.

Costs

The borrower is charged an administrative fee for the loan and shall bear the additional costs that the loan entails, such as transport and conservation costs.

Loans for research purposes are exempt from the administrative fee. However, SHM reserves the right to charge additional fees for extensive loans for research purposes, if processing such requests calls for considerable resources on SHM's part. Any such fees will be agreed with the borrower prior to the loan.

Decision

The decision to grant or reject a loan request is made by the Head of the Department for Collections and Research after presentation by the relevant case officer.

Terms and conditions

For loans from SHM's collections, the borrower commits to comply with the SHM's General Conditions for Loan, which describe the division of responsibilities and obligations. Additional special terms and conditions are regulated in a loan agreement signed by SHM and the borrower.