Pratt School of Information

Brooklyn Museum Archives Fellowship 2025-2026

Fellowship information

One fellowship is available at the Brooklyn Museum Archives. As an encyclopedic institution that is celebrating its 200 birthday, the Brooklyn Museum has a vast collection both in scope and depth. Our Libraries comprise one of the largest and oldest art museum libraries in the country; developed to encourage understanding of the Museum's collections and history, they parallel our global collections. The Archives contain more than fifty collections documenting the history of the Museum from 1823 through the present day. Totaling over 2,000 linear feet of records, these collections include correspondence, photographs, exhibition catalogues, and ephemera created by employees in all the Museum's departments, from Audiovisual to Visitor Services.

Working with the Archivist and Records Manager, the Fellow will be processing the Brooklyn Museum Art School records. The Brooklyn Museum Art School (BMAS) was established within the Brooklyn Museum in 1941 and was transferred to Pratt in 1985. The BMAS was a non-degree granting art school for teens and adults with teachers including Rufino Tamayo, Toshio Odate, Joan Semmel, Donald Judd, Max Beckmann, and many other artists. The courses covered a variety of media including painting, sculpture, textile arts, photography, graphic design, ceramics, and drawing. The records of the BMAS contain photographs, administrative files, exhibit files, ephemera, and student records. The Fellow will create a finding aid for the collection in ArchivesSpace.

The fellowship recipient will commit to working on-site at Brooklyn Museum for 8 hours/week (120 hours/semester for the fall 2025 and spring 2026 semesters: 30 weeks total from September 2025-May 2026).

This fellowship includes a scholarship in the amount of \$7,965 that will be divided equally between the fall 2025 and spring 2026 semesters. Fellows must register for INFO 625 Management of Archives & Special Collections in fall 2025, if not already completed. Fellows must either present their Fellowship project at the School of Information's #infoshow at the end of the spring 2026 semester or register for INFO 698 Practicum/Seminar. The successful applicant must take at least 6 credits in both the fall 2025 and spring 2026 semesters.

The fellowship recipient will be selected by Brooklyn Museum staff following an initial review by Pratt-SI. Official notification will be made in late April 2025. Please note that continuation of the fellowship through spring 2026 is contingent upon review of the fall 2025 semester by Brooklyn Museum staff.

<u>Eligibility</u>

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

• Have started the MSLIS program no later than spring 2025

Application submission & deadline

To apply, send the following as one .pdf file to qlai@pratt.edu -

- Completed Applicant Information Sheet (see section below)
- Resume/CV
- Statement of purpose (1-2 pages explaining why you're applying for the fellowship
- and what you hope to gain from the experience, etc.)

The deadline is 5pm EST, Monday, April 7, 2025.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Pratt ID#:

E-mail:

Telephone:

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant signature

Date