

Pratt School of Information

Digital User Experience Fellowship at Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum

Fellowship Application 2023-2024

Fellowship information

Cooper Hewitt is the only museum in the United States devoted exclusively to historical and contemporary design and is the steward of one of the most diverse and comprehensive design collections in the world. The purpose of the Digital User Experience Fellowship at the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum is to provide students with the opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge in the area of user experience (UX) and digital product design in a practical setting. Information Experience Design students who are passionate about design—from historical to contemporary—and are intrinsically motivated are particularly encouraged to apply.

Students will bring a visitor-centered perspective and contribute to a project based on current museum priorities and the fellows' skills and interest, such as:

- Redesigning the museum's digital collections interfaces
- UX feedback for the Digital Exhibition site
- Developing new digital products or revisions to existing products
- Improvements to Cooper Hewitt's main website

The student will work with a team that includes in-house developers and third-party developers. Applicants must be comfortable with prototyping software (e.g., Sketch or Adobe XD) and other Creative Suite products and UserTesting.com.

The fellowship recipient will commit to working on-site at the museum for 8 hours/week (120 hours/semester for the fall 2023 and spring 2024 semesters; 30 weeks total from September 2023-May 2024). This fellowship includes a scholarship in the amount of \$7,450 that will be divided equally between the fall 2023 and spring 2024 semesters. The successful applicant must take at least 6 credits in both the fall 2023 and spring 2024 semesters.

Please note that continuing the fellowship through spring 2024 is contingent upon review of the fall 2023 semester by Cooper Hewitt staff. The fellowship recipient will be selected by Cooper Hewitt staff following an initial review by SI staff. Official notification will be made by late April 2023.

Please contact the SI Office with questions about the fellowship and/or application process.

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

- Have started the MSIXD program no later than spring 2023 and have a graduation date no earlier than spring 2024
- Have completed INFO 643 Information Architecture and Interaction Design and INFO 644 Usability Theory & Practice.
- Have ability to use Sketch/Adobe XD and Adobe Creative Suite products
- Have a strong ability to collaborate with team members
- Be interested in historical and contemporary design and be intrinsically motivated
- Agree to take INFO 698 Practicum in Spring 2024 –OR– present work done at the fellowship at #infoshow24, the annual showcase of student work in May 2024.

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 on Monday, April 3, 2023.

Applicant Information

Name:

Pratt ID:

Email:

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.

Application signature

Date

