

Pratt School of Information

Franklin Furnace Archives Fellowship 2023-2024

Fellowship information

Franklin Furnace's mission is to present, preserve, interpret, proselytize and advocate on behalf of avant-garde art, especially forms that may be vulnerable due to institutional neglect, cultural bias, their ephemeral nature, or politically unpopular content. Franklin Furnace is dedicated to serving artists by providing both physical and virtual venues for the presentation of time-based art, including but not limited to artists' books and periodicals, installation art, performance art, and unforeseen contemporary avant-garde artforms; and to undertaking other activities related to these purposes. Franklin Furnace is committed to serving emerging artists; to assuming an aggressive pedagogical stance with regards to the value of avant-garde art to life; and to fostering artists' zeal to broadcast ideas.

The School of Information fellow will work with our Archives Assistants, under the supervision of Harley Spiller, Ken Dewey Director, to promote the discoverability of BIPOC artists whose work is represented in the Franklin Furnace artists' books collections and related vertical files. The resultant information will be shared and promoted through digitization and other communication efforts, including blogging and social media outreach.

The fellow should meet the following requirements:

- Completion of first full semester of MSLIS core courses
- Demonstrated interest in contemporary art

The fellowship recipient will commit to working on-site at times and remotely at others at Franklin Furnace (Pratt Institute Brooklyn Campus, ISC Building, Rooms 209-211) 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. Fellows must either present their Fellowship project at the School of Information's #infoshow at the end of the Spring semester or register for INFO 698 Practicum/Seminar. The successful applicant must take at least 6 credits in both the fall 2023 and spring 2024 semesters.

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

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 MSLIS program no later than spring 2023
- Have a graduation date of spring 2024 or later

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 3, 2023.

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

