

Pratt School of Information

Center for Brooklyn History (Brooklyn Public Library) Art and Artifact Collection Fellowship 2026-2027

Fellowship information

The collections at the Center for Brooklyn History include approximately 5,700 artifacts ranging from the 17th to the 21st centuries. The formats and context of these artifacts are diverse, including personal and household goods, agricultural and industrial equipment, and memorabilia closely associated with larger archival collections. The fellowship recipient will assist the Art Collections and Exhibition Coordinator in improving the intellectual control and documentation of onsite collection storage. Duties include inventorying and cataloging materials into the collections management database. This hands-on inventory will require candidates to safely handle a variety of mediums as well as identify and describe condition issues. Candidates may also suggest and initiate any special projects that may be of interest to them. The ideal candidate should have an interest in special collection management while demonstrating reliability, punctuality, attention to detail, and follow-through. Competitive candidates will have already completed coursework in collection information management. An academic focus or some experience with special collections is preferred.

The fellowship recipient will commit to working on-site at Center for Brooklyn History for 8 hours/week (120 hours/semester for the fall 2026 and spring 2027 semesters: 30 weeks total from September 2026-May 2027).

This fellowship includes a scholarship in the amount of \$8,200 that will be divided equally between the fall 2026 and spring 2027 semesters. Fellows must register for INFO 625 Archival Theory & Practice in fall 2026, 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 2026 and spring 2027 semesters.

The fellowship recipient will be selected by Center for Brooklyn History Library staff following an initial review by Pratt SI. Official notification will be made in late April 2026. Please note that continuation of the fellowship through spring 2027 is contingent upon review of the fall 2026 semester by Center for Brooklyn History library staff.

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

- Have started the MSLIS program no later than spring 2026 and have an anticipated graduation of spring 2027 or later

Application submission & deadline

To apply, please submit the online form with the following uploads; Pratt Google Drive login required: <https://bit.ly/prattischool-fellowship-apply>

- 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 6, 2026.