

Pratt School of Information

Brooklyn Museum Archives Fellowship 2026-2027

Fellowship information

One fellowship is available at the Brooklyn Museum Archives. As an encyclopedic institution, 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. Totalling 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 Art Smith Papers. An artist in the Brooklyn Museum's collection, [Art Smith \(1917-1982\)](#) created modernist jewelry "... characterized by asymmetry, biomorphicism, compelling linearity, and, above all, a keen awareness of female anatomy. He had a sculptor's sensitivity to the human form and the power of negative space" (quoted from [exhibit text](#) written by curator Barry Hardwood, 2008). Art Smith is one of the artists featured in the current Brooklyn Museum exhibition, [Breaking the Mold](#).

Art Smith's papers were donated to the Museum after the 2008 exhibit, *From the Village to Vogue: The Modernist Jewelry of Art Smith*, and includes press, photographs, notebooks, and order books. The Fellow will arrange and describe the collection and create a finding aid using ArchivesSpace.

The fellowship recipient will commit to working on-site at Brooklyn Museum 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 and 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 Brooklyn Museum 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 Brooklyn Museum staff.

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

- Have started the MSLIS program no later than spring 2026

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.