

# Pratt School of Information

## Franklin Furnace Archives Fellowship 2026-2027

### **Fellowship information**

Franklin Furnace's mission is to present, preserve, interpret, educate, and advocate on behalf of avant-garde art, especially forms that may be vulnerable due to institutional neglect, cultural bias, ephemerality, or politically unpopular content. The organization provides physical and virtual venues for the presentation of time-based art, including artists' books and periodicals, performance art, installation art, and unforeseen contemporary avant-garde artforms; and undertakes other activities related to these purposes. Franklin Furnace is dedicated to serving early-career artists; to cultivating appreciation of avant-garde art for all, and to fostering artists' zeal to circulate ideas.

The School of Information fellow will work with our Archivists, under the supervision of Harley Spiller, Ken Dewey Director, to plan and implement the processing workflow for Franklin Furnace's institutional archives, spanning from its founding in 1976 to the present.

These archives document the history and evolution of Franklin Furnace and include correspondence between its founding members and artists who exhibited in the space, including Lawrence Weiner, Laurie Anderson, Pope.L, Tehching Hsieh, Martine Aballea, and Jacki Apple, among others. The collection also contains foundational documents that trace the development of Franklin Furnace's programming, organizational changes over time, and detailed documentation of its original Tribeca location at 112 Franklin Street in New York.

The Franklin Furnace Archives fellow will work with the team to unbox and survey institutional record boxes housed in the organization's Brooklyn storage facility. Responsibilities include assessing the physical condition of materials and documenting contents at the folder level. With the guidance of FFA archivists, and possibly an external appraisal specialist, the fellow also helps with deduplication of the records, identifying and removing duplicate materials within the collection.

The fellow should meet the following requirements:

- Completion of first full semester of MSLIS core courses
- Demonstrated interest in contemporary art, particularly in performance art and time-based practices, as reflected in the history of Franklin Furnace Archive.

The fellowship recipient will commit to working on-site at times and remotely at others at Franklin Furnace (30-30 47th Ave suite 470, Long Island City) 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 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 2026 and spring 2027 semesters.

The fellowship recipient will be selected by Franklin Furnace 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 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 2026
- Have a graduation date 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.**