

Pratt School of Information

Linked Open Data (LOD) for Museums Fellowship in the MoMA Archives 2026-2027

Fellowship information

Come to MoMA to work with exciting museum data!

The focus of the fellowship in the MoMA Archives is to expand, enrich, and explore as linked open data information related to MoMA's century-long institutional history of collecting and exhibiting modern art. While projects will be worked out with the specific fellow, possible activities include: refining and enhancing exhibition data sets in Wikidata; connecting archives and library resources and creators to Wikidata and Wikipedia; creating data visualizations to demonstrate and interrogate the richness of the dataset; or exploring mapping software and other free tools for exploiting the data. Relevant skills that will be developed during the course of the fellowship include data analysis, reconciliation methods, archival research methods, and semantic web methods. The project's ultimate aim is to create new research tools for art historical scholarship while also demonstrating methods for interlinking library archival resources online.

The purpose of the LOD for Museums Fellowship is to provide support for a student in the MS Museums and Digital Culture or MS Library & Information Science program to investigate the application of Linked Open Data (LOD) within a museum setting. The fellowship allows the student to apply the knowledge and competencies acquired from their course work in a professional setting while developing new skills through participation in an on-site internship.

The fellow will work in the MoMA QNS warehouse facility in Long Island City alongside other archives and library staff, for 8 hours/week (120 hours/semester for the fall 2026 and spring 2027 semesters). 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 the following courses:

INFO664 Programming for Cultural Heritage (fall 2026)

INFO698 Practicum/Seminar (spring 2027) or present their fellowship project at InfoShow2027 at the end of the semester

If the fellowship recipient has previously taken INFO 664 Programming for Cultural Heritage, this requirement can be substituted with a relevant course subject to the approval of the Dean of the School of Information. The successful applicant must take at least 6 credits in both the fall 2026 and spring 2027 semesters.

The fellow will be selected and supervised by Jonathan Lill, Head of Metadata and Systems, in consultation with Prof. Cristina Pattuelli and Prof. Matt Miller, Co-Directors of the Semantic Lab @Pratt. Official notification will be made by early May 2026.

Please note that continuing the fellowship through spring 2027 is contingent upon review of the fall 2026 semester by MoMA Library and Archives staff.

For questions about the fellowship and/or application process, please contact the SI Office.

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must have:

- started the MSMD or MSLIS program no later than spring 2026
- a graduation date of June 1, 2027 or later
- completed (INFO 683 Museum Info Management or INFO 653 Knowledge Organization) -and- INFO 654 Information Technologies prior to fall 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
- A list detailing your software/technology proficiency
- 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.