Linked Open Data (LOD) for Museums
@ the Whitney Museum of America Art Fellowship
2015-2016

Fellowship information
The purpose of the Pratt-SILS LOD for Museums Fellowship is to provide support for a Pratt SILS MSLIS student to investigate the utilization of Linked Open Data (LOD) within a museum setting. The fellowship allows the student to apply the knowledge and skills acquired from their course work in a professional setting while developing new skills through participation in an on-site internship. Relevant skills that will be developed during the course of the fellowship include data analysis and visualization, metadata research, and semantic web methods. While the project’s goal is to examine the applicability and utilization of LOD resources for a museum’s collections information, the student will also learn how information on works of art is administered in a museum setting.

The fellowship recipient will commit to working on-site at the museum for 8 hours/week (120 hours/semester for the fall 2015 and spring 2016 semesters; 30 weeks total from September 2015-May 2016). This fellowship includes a scholarship in the amount of $7,668.00 that will cover the cost of 2 SILS courses (6 credits) – LIS 664 Programming for Cultural Heritage (to be taken in fall 2015) and LIS 698 Seminar & Practicum (to be taken in spring 2016). If the fellowship recipient has taken and completed LIS 664 Programming for Cultural Heritage in a prior semester, this requirement can be substituted with another art libraries/special collections course subject to approval. The successful applicant must take at least 6 credits in both the fall 2015 and spring 2015 semesters.

The fellow will be selected by Farris Wahbeh, Director, Research Resources, Whitney Museum of American Art, following an initial review by the SILS Knowledge Organization/Linked Open Data for Cultural Heritage Coordinator, Prof. Cristina Pattuelli. The Fellow will be advised throughout the year by Farris Wahbeh, Cristina Pattuelli, and Matthew Miller, Head of Semantic Applications & Data Research, NYPL Labs. Official notification will be made by mid-August 2015.

Please note that continuing the fellowship through spring 2016 is contingent upon review of the fall 2015 semester by Whitney Museum staff and the SILS Coordinator for Knowledge Organization/LOD for Cultural Heritage.

For questions about the fellowship and/or application process, please contact the SILS Office (infosils@pratt.edu).
Eligibility
To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:
- Have started the MSLIS program at Pratt Institute no later than spring 2015 and be graduating no earlier than June 1, 2016
- Not have taken LIS 698 Seminar & Practicum

Application submission & deadline
To apply, send your completed application, along with your resume, statement of interest and a list detailing your software/technology proficiency as one .pdf to infosils@pratt.edu. The deadline is 5pm EST, Monday, July 27, 2015.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name

Pratt ID#

E-mail

Telephone

Please attach your resume, statement of interest and a list detailing your software/technology proficiency.

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