

Franklin Furnace Archives Fellowship 2024-2025

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 promote the discoverability of BIPOC artists whose work is represented in the Franklin Furnace Artists' Books Collection and related vertical files. The major project for this fellowship is to publish the Franklin Furnace/ MoMA Artists' Book Vertical Files Collection, which contains over 24,000 supporting materials for 3,600 artists who have donated their artists' books to us. The online database will be hosted on CONTENTdm as an searchable, free resource for researchers and the public. Duties include metadata import, record clean up and maintenance, and outreach program planning to announce the release on various platforms. The fellow will also assist with digitization of the Event Archives - processing and scanning ephemera and slide documentations of performances and exhibitions held at Franklin Furnace since 1976.

The fellow should meet the following requirements:

- Completion of first full semester of MSLIS core courses
- Demonstrated interest in contemporary art

The fellowship recipient will commit to working on-site at times and remotely at others at Franklin Furnace (Pratt Institute Brooklyn Campus, ISC Building, Rooms 209-211) for 8 hours/week (120 hours/semester for the fall 2024 and spring 2025 semesters; 30 weeks total from September 2024-May 2025).

This fellowship includes a scholarship in the amount of \$7,730 that will be divided equally between the fall 2024 and spring 2025 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 2024 and spring 2025 semesters.

The fellowship recipient will be selected by Franklin Furnace staff following an initial review by Pratt-SI. Official notification will be made by early May 2024. Please note that continuation of

the fellowship through spring 2025 is contingent upon review of the fall 2024 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 2024
- Have a graduation date of spring 2025 or later

Application submission & deadline

To apply, send the following as one .pdf file to qlai@pratt.edu:

- Completed Applicant Information sheet (see section below)
- 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 8, 2024**.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Pratt ID#:

E-mail: Telephone:

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