



Center for Art, Design, and
Community Engagement

Faculty Research Fellowships 2025

Center K-12 Faculty Research Fellowships are designed to recognize efforts by faculty who have, through outreach, extended the Center's mission and made a significant contribution to the advancement of research related to children and youth, particularly in art, design, and related fields.

The Center K-12's research areas of interest are:

- Understanding the causes that create and perpetuate educational inequity in art and design K-12
- Supporting the development of curriculum for K-12 schools in the areas of art, design, and related fields
- Contributing to a theoretical understanding of education at the intersections of STEM and design
- Advocating to close the post-secondary guidance gap faced by high school students in the college seeking process (particularly in art and design)
- Supporting youth organizing and urban planning
- Designing for (and with) children
- Contributing to research on the impacts of social and/or environmental (broadly defined) change on young people's development

Faculty Research Fellows receive a stipend (\$3000 per year) and a paid Undergraduate or Graduate research assistant funded by the Center K-12 for 10 hours/week @ \$16/hour for 30 weeks (\$4500 per year). Assistants should be entitled to Federal Work Study.

Projects must be completed, and a report submitted to the Center K-12 office, by the beginning of the fall semester following the academic year the award is given. At the end of the fellowship period (June 30), faculty should submit a poster to the Center K-12 about their project that is to be shared with the community. More details will be sent to selected recipients.

Please note that for research involving school age children, minors up to the age of 18, must include the submission of a completed [IRB](#).

Faculty must acknowledge the award on all related output i.e. "Supported by a Faculty Research Fellowship from the Center for Art, Design, and Community Engagement K-12, Pratt Institute."

TO APPLY

Applicants must be active members of the Pratt full-time, adjunct, or visiting faculty, or Pratt Institute chairpersons/assistant chairpersons, during the award period.

To be eligible, faculty must have completed at least two full semesters of service (the two semesters need not be consecutive). Eligible individuals on sabbatical may apply.

Previous award recipients must wait for a period of **one year from the prior award year** before applying again.



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APPLICATION

To apply for the Center K-12 Faculty Research Fellowships, faculty should submit the following to Samantha Gomes, sgomes69@pratt.edu, by **July 1, 2025** (award year is from August 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026): Please see below for further guidelines

- A research proposal
- A CV or resume

RESEARCH PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Your proposal must include the following information:

1. Basic Information: The title of your proposed project.
2. Project Description: Must be no more than one page in length, standard 12-pt font and single-spaced. The narrative should outline the key concepts of the project and the contribution to be made to one or more of the research areas of interest listed above.
3. Statement of Intention: Must be no more than one page in length, standard 12-pt font and single-spaced. A clear statement addressing the significance and/or educational value of the proposed project to the applicant(s)'s professional development. Please include a list of tentative events or outcomes that will culminate from the project (e.g., conference presentations, journal publications, etc.).
4. Proposed Project Timetable: The timetable should address the award year and make note of intended progress. Submission of the mid-year progress report should also be added to the timetable.
5. Biographical Summary of Research Leader and/or Team: Must be no more than one page in length, standard 12-pt font and single-spaced. This is in addition to the CV/resume.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Following the announcement of the fellowship awards, selected awardees must select a student research assistant who'll receive \$16/hour for 10 hours/ week for 30 weeks. Apart from assisting the faculty fellow for the award year, the chosen research assistant will also be expected to:

- Submit a poster at the end of the fellowship term outlining his/her/their responsibilities, achievements, and experiences. *All posters must be created within the allotted 10 hours/week a research assistant can work. Students graduating in Spring 2026 will only be eligible to work through mid-May.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications are reviewed by a committee formed of the Center K-12 staff and faculty affiliated with our programs. The committee is reflective of the Center's mission to promote collaborative approaches to art, design, and K-12 across disciplines.