

Wolfsonian-FIU Fellowship Program (Deadline: 31 Dec 09)

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The Wolfsonian-FIU Fellowship Program

The Wolfsonian-Florida International University is a museum and research center that promotes the examination of modern visual and material culture. The Wolfsonian's fellowship program is intended to support research on the museum's collection, generally for periods of three to four weeks. The program is open to holders of master's or doctoral degrees, Ph.D. candidates, and others who have a significant record of professional achievement in relevant fields.

The theme for the fellowship program for 2010-11 is Design and Health. We welcome applications from scholars in any field in the humanities who propose to investigate the links between design and health from the late nineteenth century through the middle of the twentieth century. We intend both of these terms to be understood in a broad sense: "Design" to include a range of practices, such as product design, graphic design, interior design, architecture, and urban planning; "Health" to include such concerns as personal hygiene and fitness, public health, medicine, body image, and disability.

The focus of the Wolfsonian collection is on North American and European decorative arts, propaganda, architecture, and industrial and graphic design from the period 1885-1945. The United States, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands are the countries most extensively represented. There are also smaller but significant collections of materials from a number of other countries, including Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, Japan, the former Soviet Union, and Hungary. The collection includes works on paper (including posters, prints, and design drawings), furniture, paintings, sculpture, glass, textiles, ceramics, lighting and other appliances, and many other kinds of objects. The Wolfsonian's library has approximately 50,000 rare books, periodicals, and ephemeral items.

The Wolfsonian's collection has many objects and publications that may support research on the connections between design and health.

Among these are: books and periodicals about physical culture, especially in the United States; publications on interior design, architecture, housing reform, and urban planning; design drawings for a great variety of building types; advertisements for health resorts; personal or household objects, such as razors, massagers, sunlamps, and vacuum cleaners; and publicity for health and fitness campaigns.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the museum staff prior to submission to ensure the relevance of their proposals to the Wolfsonian's collection.

For more information about The Wolfsonian and its collection, visit the website at <http://www.wolfsonian.fiu.edu><<http://www.wolfsonian.fiu.edu>>, call 305-535-2686, or email to research@thewolf.fiu.edu<<mailto:research@thewolf.fiu.edu>>.

Applications for the 2010-11 academic year must be postmarked by December 31, 2009.

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