

Menil Drawing Institute Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

The Menil Collection, Houston, TX

Application deadline: Dec 10, 2021

Menil Drawing Institute

Menil Drawing Institute Scholars Program

The Fellowship Program is a key component of the Menil Drawing Institute as it aspires to become a major research center on modern and contemporary drawing. The program fosters the highest level of scholarship and makes possible rich, interdisciplinary, object-based conversations on the drawing medium's history, theory, criticism, and practice. The Menil Drawing Institute offers three fellowships: the Menil Drawing Institute Pre-Doctoral Fellowship; the Menil Drawing Institute Research Fellowship; and the Morgan-Menil Research Fellowship.

Fellowship Benefits

- Fellows at the Drawing Institute will receive a stipend to cover living and other expenses incurred during the Fellowship.
- Menil Drawing Institute Research Fellows and Menil Drawing Institute Pre-Doctoral Fellows will be housed in a fully-furnished apartment within a recently-refurbished historic bungalow on the Menil campus. Housing is not provided for the Morgan-Menil Fellow.
- Fellows will be assigned a workspace at the Menil Drawing Institute to use for the duration of the fellowship.
- Fellows will have access to the collections, archives, and staff at the Menil; and to libraries throughout Houston, including the Menil's library, Fondren Library at Rice University, the Libraries of the University of Houston, and the Hirsch Library at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. In addition, they will be able to request references via Inter-Library Loan via the Menil Library.

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Eligibility

Applications are welcome from American and international researchers pursuing a doctorate in art history whose work pertains to the study of modern and contemporary drawing practices. Applicants must have completed their graduate coursework and passed any required pre-doctoral exams ("orals") before the term of the fellowship begins, if such requirements exist at their institutions. Applicants' dissertation topics must be approved by their institutions before the term of the fellowship begins.

Terms of Appointment

- The Menil Drawing Institute Pre-Doctoral Fellowship is 9 months in length, and spans the aca-

demic calendar, lasting from September to June.

- The Fellow will receive a stipend of \$3,000 per month to cover living and other expenses incurred during the Fellowship.
- The Fellow will be housed in a fully-furnished apartment within a recently-refurbished historic bungalow on the Menil campus.
- The Fellow will be assigned an office at the Menil Drawing Institute to use for the duration of the fellowship.
- The Fellow is expected to reside in Houston for the duration of the fellowship and to participate in the cultural and intellectual life of the Menil. They will typically make a presentation on their research to Menil staff and invited guests, and will also give a public talk.

Application Process

Applicants for the Pre-Doctoral Fellowship are required to provide a project proposal (not to exceed 1,000 words), a tentative schedule of work to be achieved during the fellowship period, a curriculum vitae, official undergraduate and graduate transcripts, a writing sample, and three letters of recommendation.

It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that the application is complete and has been received by the museum. All application materials, including academic transcripts and letters of recommendation, must be sent via email to mdi@menil.org.

The application for the 2022–2023 Menil Drawing Institute Pre-Doctoral Fellowship is due December 10, 2021.

All applicants will be notified of the Menil's decision by late January 2022.

For more information, please visit the Menil's website: <https://www.menil.org/drawing-institute/scholars>

Reference:

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