

SAAM Fellowships 2025–2026 at the Smithsonian American Art Museum

Jun 1, 2025–Aug 31, 2026

Deadline: Oct 15, 2024

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Application open!

The Smithsonian American Art Museum and its Renwick Gallery encourages applications for its 2025-2026 research fellowships, awarded through the Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program (SIFP). Residencies are available at the graduate, doctoral, postdoctoral, and senior levels. The deadline to apply is October 15.

Scholars from any discipline who are researching topics relating to U.S. art, craft, and visual culture are encouraged to apply, as are those who foreground new perspectives, materials, and methodologies. Fellowships are residential and support full-time research. SAAM is devoted to advancing inclusive excellence in art history and encourages candidates who identify as members of historically underrepresented groups to apply.

The stipend for a twelve-month SIFP fellowship is \$45,000 for predoctoral scholars and \$57,000 for postdoctoral and senior scholars, with a supplemental research allowance of up to \$5,000. Applicants who need less time to complete their research may apply for as few as three months with a prorated stipend. Residencies should take place between June 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026.

SIFP graduate student fellowships are available for ten-week summer terms and carry a stipend of \$10,000.

Apply at <https://americanart.si.edu/research/fellowships/apply>

Apply for a 2025-2026 Betsy James Wyeth Fellowship in Native American Art

Applications are invited for the Betsy James Wyeth Fellowship in Native American Art, 2025–2026, a one-year residential opportunity at the Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) and National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) that seeks to foster new scholarship on Native art of the United States. The deadline to apply is October 15.

The proposed independent project may focus on historic or contemporary Native American artists, designers, and makers, and will center and elevate Indigenous methodologies, knowledges, and communities. The recipient will be jointly advised by a SAAM and NMAI staff member

and provided with access to both museums' resources. One fellowship will be awarded to a pre-doctoral researcher for a twelve-month term or to a postdoctoral or senior-level scholar for a nine-month term.

Residencies must take place between June 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026. The stipend is \$53,000 with a supplemental research allowance of up to \$5,000. For more information and the application, please visit <https://americanart.si.edu/research/fellowships/betsy-james-wyeth>.

Reference:

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