

Stephen K. and Janie Woo Scher Fellowship, 2026–27, New York City

The Frick Collection, New York City, Sep 1, 2026–Jun 30, 2027

Application deadline: Jan 15, 2026

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Internationally recognized as a premier museum and research center, the Frick is known for its distinguished Old Master paintings and outstanding examples of European sculpture and decorative arts.

The collection originated with Henry Clay Frick (1849-1919), who bequeathed his home, paintings, sculptures, and decorative arts to the public for their enjoyment. The institution's holdings – which encompass masterworks from the Renaissance through the nineteenth century – have grown over the decades, more than doubling in size since the opening of the museum in 1935. A critical component of the institution is the Frick Art Research Library, founded in 1920 by Helen Clay Frick, daughter of the museum's founder. Recognized as one of the world's top art history research centers, it has served students, scholars, and members of the public free of charge for generations.

The Frick has undergone a comprehensive renovation and was open in a temporary home, Frick Madison, from 2020 through early 2024, while renovations were underway at the mansion on 70th Street. In addition to special exhibition galleries and education spaces, we have added enhanced visitor amenities and accessible spaces. The Museum and Art Research Library reopened to the public in April.

Position Summary:

The Frick Collection is pleased to announce the availability of a six-month fellowship for an outstanding candidate who wishes to pursue research in the field of medals with a chronology spanning from around the year 1400 to 1900. The fellowship offers invaluable curatorial training and provides the scholarly and financial resources required for completing the assigned research project. Internationally renowned for its exceptional collection of western European art from the early Renaissance through the end of the nineteenth century, The Frick Collection—complemented by the equally significant resources of the Frick Art Reference Library—offers a unique opportunity for object-based research. The fellowship is best suited to a scholar pursuing research that contributes to expanding knowledge in the field of medals, and ideally around one or more objects included the vast collection of medals donated to the Frick by Stephen K. and Janie Woo Scher.

The Stephen K. and Janie Woo Scher Fellow will have an opportunity to work with curatorial and educational staff on research for permanent collection displays and special exhibitions. Other curatorial training responsibilities include participation in the daily administrative routines of a

small museum. The Fellow will have a place of study, access to the collections and library, as well as introductions to New York City museums and libraries. Frick curators and conservation staff will be available for consultation on the candidate's research project. The Fellow is considered a full-time temporary exempt employee for the duration of the fellowship. The term is expected to be for six-months and begin between September 2026 and January 2027, without possibility of extension beyond the six-month term. Scher Fellows are expected to deliver a public lecture on the topic of their research at the Frick and to prepare it for publication in the Frick's series of Scher Fellow Lectures.

Benefits of Employment at The Frick Collection:

Paid Holidays: All full-time employees are eligible for 14 paid holidays (all federal holidays including Juneteenth, and Election Day), including four floating holidays; two may be used in the first half of the calendar year, two may be used in the second half of the calendar year.

Sick and Vacation Time: Eligible full-time employees accrue up to 12 sick and 12 vacation days their first year of employment. In subsequent years, eligible full-time employees accrue up to 12 sick days and 25 vacation days per year.

Family Leave: We provide all eligible employees with paid bereavement leave and paid family leave, and we adhere to federal family leave laws.

Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance: All eligible full-time employees and their eligible dependents may enroll in employer-sponsored benefit plans. Employees contribute to the cost of health insurance based on income level and type of coverage selected.

Retirement: The Frick supports all employees in planning for retirement. The Frick provides all eligible employees with a defined benefit pension plan, the value of which is equivalent to an additional 12% in compensation. Employees may also choose to make additional contributions to the Frick's Tax Deferred Savings Plan (403(b)).

Short- and Long-Term Disability and Life Insurance: The Frick covers the entire cost of these benefits for all eligible full-time employees. The life insurance benefit is up to three times the employee's annual salary.

Wellness Programs: The Frick offers an Employee Assistance Plan, a discount on Citi Bike memberships, and a discount on bike helmets.

Meal Discount: When employees are working on-site, they may access a discount on food pickup or delivery through Seamless/Grubhub.

Additional Benefits: The Frick also offers eligible employees additional benefits including discounted Metro Cards/TransitChecks and flexible spending accounts for medical expenses, dependent care, and commuting costs. All employees may access a discount on Museum Shop purchases.

Workplace Culture:

At the Frick Collection, we pride ourselves on promoting an open and welcoming workplace culture that supports work-life balance. The Frick strives to provide our employees with competitive salaries and exceptional benefits in a beautiful and pleasant work setting, while offering an excel-

lent opportunity to appreciate some of the world's finest works of art.

The Frick Collection provides equal opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to personal characteristics such as race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, pregnancy, genetic information, military or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, marital and civil partnership/union status, alienage or citizenship status, creed, genetic predisposition or carrier status, unemployment status, familial status, domestic violence, sexual violence or stalking victim status, caregiver status, or other characteristics protected by law. This policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, hiring, placement, promotion, termination, layoff, recall, transfer, leaves of absence, compensation, and training

Qualified candidates of diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply for vacant positions at all levels.

Employment Status and Compensation:

The Fellow is considered a full-time temporary employee for the duration of their six-month fellowship and will be eligible for all benefits associated with full-time employment. The Frick will cover travel expenses related to research.

The term for this role is expected to be six-months and begin between September 2026 and January 2027, without possibility of extension beyond the six-month term.

The six-month salary for this exempt role is \$29,000 and will be paid on a biweekly basis.

Physical Requirements:

The physical requirements of this role are needed to perform the essential job functions with or without reasonable accommodation(s).

Physical requirements are comparable to most office roles: the ability to interact in-person with colleagues and use common office tools and machines (computer, phone); and the ability to traverse throughout the offices and building(s) both inside and outside of the museum, and visit different levels of the building.

Qualifications and Application Process:

Applications are invited from candidates at any career stage across academia, museums, and related fields. Particular consideration will be given to early-career candidates.

Applications must include the following materials:

- A cover letter explaining the applicant's interest in the fellowship. The letter should include a home address, phone number, and email address.
- An abstract, not to exceed three typed pages double-spaced, describing the applicant's area of research.
- A complete curriculum vitae of education, employment, honors, awards, and publications. Please include anticipated date of completion for Ph.D. program, if applicable.
- A copy of a published paper or a writing sample in English, no more than fifty pages in length.
- Three letters of recommendation (academic and professional). Letters of recommendation with candidate's name in subject line should be sent to scherfellowship@frick.org

directly from recommenders. PDFs of signed letters on university or business stationary are preferred.

Deadline: January 15, 2026

Please submit application all application materials:
<https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/3754591>

Or send requisite materials to:

Executive Assistant to the Chief Curator

The Frick Collection

1 East 70th Street

New York, NY 10021

We anticipate conducting interviews in February and March 2026.

This description shall not be construed as a contract of any sort for a specific period of employment.

Benefits subject to change and may differ based on employee status.

Reference:

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