New Foundation for Art History: Non-Residential Fellowships 2027-2028

Application deadline: Jan 15, 2027

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The New Foundation for Art History offers two year-long, non-residential fellowships for mid-career scholars. These fellowships will be awarded to tenure-track assistant and associate professors carrying out innovative work on the art of any era or culture. Applications will be judged above all on the intellectual merit of the project as demonstrated by the application, letters, and related publications. However, in evaluating these applications, the NFAH selection committee will give special consideration to the applicant's professional situation, including his/her home university's ability to fund research time. For this reason, NFAH fellowships will favor ambitious scholars at public or smaller private institutions without the resources to enable full-year research leave sufficient to particular scholarly enterprises, especially book projects. At the present time, the NFAH only accepts applications from scholars at U.S. institutions.

AWARD

Fellowship grants will constitute up to half of the candidate's regular annual salary, not to exceed $50,000.

APPLICATION

Candidates must send a project proposal (2500 words maximum), one recent publication (best related to the project under review), a short cv (maximum 2 pages, including other grants received), and two reference letters. One reference letter should address the quality of the projected research; the second should come from the college dean or the chair of the applicant's department laying out the funding situation at the candidate's home institution. This letter should evaluate the extent of the home institution's contribution to the research of the applicant, or the limits thereof, and offer an objective assessment of the candidate's professional situation and research potential (this letter will be particularly important in identifying need). Applications will be judged by the NFAH fellowship committee, which is constituted of professional art historians.

Application materials should be forwarded as a single pdf (named with the candidate's first initial and surname) to info@nfah.org by January 15, 2027. Recommenders should send their letters as pdfs on letterhead separately to the same email address. Finalists will be interviewed by video conference.

The NFAH actively seeks to promote diversity in the field.

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CANDIDATES WILL BE INFORMED OF THE NFAH DECISION BY APRIL 9, 2027

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