

BLANTON MUSEUM OF ART
MELLON FELLOWSHIPS
2021-2022

POSITION: Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in Prints and Drawings

REPORTS TO: Associate Curator of Prints and Drawings

HOURS: 20/week

DATES: September 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022

COMPENSATION: \$22,000 stipend plus benefits, \$2,000 travel allowance, and \$1,750 special project fund. The Department of Art and Art History is generously offering supplemental support of \$8,000 toward each Mellon Fellow's in-state tuition costs.

DESCRIPTION: The Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in Prints and Drawings will gain hands-on professional museum experience through assisting the Associate Curator of Prints and Drawings in developing exhibitions, installations, and publications. The Mellon Fellow will develop skills in advanced object research involving iconography, provenance, materials, connoisseurship, and artistic processes; as well as art handling and storage, and archives and databases. The Mellon Fellow will learn interpretive strategies and may lead undergraduate and graduate classes. They will also attend a monthly professional development seminar organized around a wide variety of themes and topics.

They will also work closely with Blanton educators and staff from across the museum. The Mellon Fellow will learn about object-based teaching and interpretive strategies. The Mellon Fellow will attend a monthly professional development seminar organized around a wide variety of themes and topics.

Over the course of the academic year, the Mellon Fellow will be expected to produce a project that grows out of their curatorial work at the Blanton (to be determined by the Associate Curator of Prints and Drawings). All projects will relate to museum practice and institutional priorities, from exhibition and collection research to teaching in the galleries and in the Blanton's Julia Matthews Wilkinson Center for Prints and Drawings. This project could include co-curation of a Paper Vault exhibition, a publication on a collection object, a collection tour, or a gallery talk. In conjunction with their project, the fellow will receive funds to produce an interpretive brochure, multimedia guide, or similar resource.

The Mellon Fellow will receive a \$22,000 stipend and benefits, as well as a \$2,000 travel allowance to attend a museum- or object-focused conference or symposium related to their area of study and/or to travel with curators for research, as well as \$1,750 to support a special project.

DUTIES:

- Conduct advanced object research on works in the permanent collection that will inform the selection, interpretation, and display of special exhibitions, installations, publications, and interpretive materials for the Blanton
- Write and edit wall texts and labels about works in the collection and exhibitions at the Blanton

- Assist with object photography and cataloguing of works in the permanent collection
- Produce a project that grows out of their curatorial work at the Blanton and addresses museum priorities
- Prepare and lead UT class visits
- Participate in public and scholarly programs related to the Blanton's collections and exhibitions
- Assist with object research of acquisitions
- Attend monthly professional development seminars organized by the Blanton
- Attend department meetings
- Field scholarly inquiries and assist researchers
- Other duties, as assigned

REQUIREMENTS:

- M.A. in art history
- Must be a Ph.D. student in art history at UT Austin
- Mellon Fellows must remain enrolled at least 9 credit hours each semester in the Ph.D. program throughout the 2021-2022 academic year
- Specialization in works on paper and/or European painting before 1900 preferred
- Reading knowledge of at least one, preferably two, of the following languages: German, French, Spanish, and Italian
- Ability to work independently as a researcher, as well as flourish in a collaborative environment for the creation and implementation of exhibitions, publications, and other projects
- Proven ability to manage multiple concurrent projects and meet deadlines; highly developed organizational and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated excellent writing ability with editing and proofreading skills

ABOUT THE BLANTON: The Blanton Museum of Art at The University of Texas at Austin is one of the foremost university art museums in the country, and has the largest and most comprehensive collection of art in Central Texas. The Blanton's permanent collection of more than 19,000 works is recognized for its European paintings, an encyclopedic collection of prints and drawings, and modern and contemporary American and Latin American art. The Blanton is considered one of the university's many Gems along with The Harry Ransom Center, the Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas Press, UT Libraries, the Graduate School, and the Michener Center for Writers.

TO APPLY, PLEASE SEND:

- A cover letter (If applying for more than one fellowship, please include order of preference)
- Curriculum vitae
- 2-3 page statement of interest (no more than 750 words) addressing your research and professional interests, and how they relate to the museum's collections and activities
- Letter of recommendation from your graduate advisor
- Contact information for two additional references

- Recent academic writing sample (25 pages maximum)

Submit via email in PDF format only (please no doc files) to internships@blantonmuseum.org by April 5, 2021.

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