

Freer Fellowship Opportunity
Freer Gallery of Art and the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery
Smithsonian Institution

The University of Michigan Department of the History of Art invites pre-doctoral fellowship applications from its students in any area of the Freer-Sackler Asian art holdings and archives. As the institution describes these holdings, they represent cultures from the Mediterranean (including Egypt) to Japan, spanning six millennia.

Terms of the Fellowship

- The Freer Fellow must be in residence at the Gallery for a one-semester term of the award. In exceptional cases, proposals for a two-semester residential award may be considered. The specific term of residency will be determined based on facilities and staffing available to support pre-doctoral candidates in residence at the Gallery.
- Funding is competitive with other pre-doctoral awards offered by the University of Michigan. A specified amount will be available to assist with temporary relocation costs.
- The Freer Fellow must have achieved candidacy before tenure of the fellowship.

Selection process

- Applications will be evaluated by the History of Art Graduate Committee with candidates forwarded to the Freer Committee of the Department of the History of Art for further consideration.
- The final candidate is chosen by representatives of the Freer/Sackler Gallery, based on recommendation by the Department's Freer Committee. Applications will be assessed each year in relation to the facilities and staffing available to support pre-doctoral candidates in residence at the Freer/Sackler Gallery.

Deadline and Procedure for Application

Submit the following by email to Graduate Student Services at histart-ss-grad@umich.edu addressed to the History of Art Graduate Committee and Freer Committee, **by September 10.**

- Current curriculum vitae
- 2-3 page description of the research project to be conducted during residency at the Freer/Sackler Gallery. This should include a characterization of particular collections or holdings to be used, and the name of a specific curatorial advisor appropriate to your project. Please also include a statement of the years-toward-degree that will have elapsed by the time the fellowship begins and a statement of the timeline of the project, the work completed to date, and the plan agreed with your advisor for completion of the project.
- A letter emailed directly to Graduate Student Services at histart-ss-grad@umich.edu from one Michigan History of Art faculty advisor assessing the candidate, the proposed project, and the particular importance of the Freer/Sackler residency for the advancement of the proposed research.