

Steelcase Curatorial Fellowship 2024–2025

The Grand Rapids Art Museum seeks applications for the Steelcase Curatorial Fellowship. The fellowship will be awarded to a future or emerging museum professional from an historically underrepresented community within the museum field. Reporting to the Curator of Collections and Exhibitions, Registrar and Assistant Curator, the ideal fellow will find researching objects in GRAM's collection to be useful to their growth as a scholar and museum practitioner.

The fellow will have the opportunity to meet with GRAM colleagues from all departments to further explore all possible avenues for their future career. The fellow will have access to a travel stipend and a stipend for attending conferences to support their professional development and will have the opportunity to participate in departmental meetings and all-staff meetings as well as observe exhibition installation activities.

The fellow will assist the curatorial team with collection research and care, including researching understudied objects in the collection, objects under deaccession consideration, and upcoming acquisitions consideration. The fellow will also assist the curators as needed with upcoming exhibition prep, including working on a publication.

Desired Qualifications

The fellow will ideally be a current college-level/graduate student or recent graduate, within the fields of museum studies, arts administration, art history/visual and material culture studies, history, or non-profit management. They must be well-organized, intellectually curious, self-motivated, excel at writing and research, and enjoy working collaboratively. Candidates with experience with art historical or historical research, writing, and experience within office settings are encouraged to apply.

Compensation and Benefits

The fellow will be compensated \$12,000 for 600 hours of work, equaling \$20 per hour. GRAM is flexible with hourly arrangements to best suit the fellow's needs, with the fellowship period beginning in fall of 2024 and ending no later than May 2025. Weekly hourly commitment is negotiable. The fellow will have access to funds for travel opportunities. The fellow will also have access to \$1,000 for conferences and professional development opportunities.

To Apply

Please submit the following materials to careers@artmuseumgr.org

- CV/resumé
- Cover letter, outlining project(s) of interest and relevant information pertaining to how the applicant identifies with an underrepresented community, as well as how a fellowship at GRAM would intersect with their professional interests and future goals
- An example of research and/or writing. The form, content, and length can be determined by the applicant as to best showcase their skillset
- 1-2 references