
Conservation Fellowship

The Metropolitan Museum of Art

The Stichting Restauratie Atelier Limburg

The Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery



The Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, USA)

The Stichting Restauratie Atelier Limburg (Maastricht, The Netherlands), The Freer Gallery of Art (Washington D.C., USA) with the support of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation are pleased to announce a five-year extension of the Indian Conservation Fellowship Program offering Fellowships to Indian citizens engaged in the conservation of works of artistic and cultural heritage.

The fellowships are designed to broaden the experience of conservators currently working in art and cultural heritage Museums and institutions in India. The fellowships will be for a period of 3-6 months each with 6-8 fellowships awarded annually over a 5 year period, with the first year's fellowships beginning in the fall of 2016.

The Stichting Restauratie Atelier Limburg (SRAL), Maastricht, the Netherlands:

- ◆ Paintings and Historic Interiors Conservation

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- ◆ Objects Conservation (sculpture, objects, furniture, musical instruments and archaeological materials)
- ◆ Paper Conservation
- ◆ Textile Conservation

The Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Museums of Asian Art, (FG):

- ◆ Paper Conservation

The training will be given in the conservation labs focused on a project, working with specific works of art based on the fellows' backgrounds and interests, and the needs of the collections under their care. As an extension of the fellowship experience there will be follow-up initiatives working with MMA, SRAL and FG conservators to address collection issues at the fellows' home institutions. Seminars will also be held for fellows to present their work to a broader audience in India.

Requirements

Applicants must be a conservator with daily responsibility of the care of objects to apply. Fellows must be Indian citizens and should have strong knowledge of spoken and written English. Preference will be given to conservators at a relatively early stage of their professional careers (approximately 3-8 years conservation experience) and employed by museums of other institutions in India concerned with the study, conservation and display of the country's artistic and cultural heritage. Candidates must be employed at their current institutions for **at least 3 years** on the date of application. A good knowledge of conservation principles and basic academic background in conservation practice and artists' materials is expected.

Each fellowship will be for a period of 3-6 months. Accommodation and living expenses for food and other items during the fellowship period will be covered. It is expected that the applicants' salaries will continue at their home institutions as specified in the employers' statement requested below. The fellowship will include support for travel to the host institution as well as research travel for conferences, seminars and visits to other conservation laboratories or cultural institutions. Health care coverage, visa expenses and costs for residence permits are also covered. At the end of their fellowship, fellows will be able to purchase tools, equipment and supplies for use at their home institutions.



Application Procedure

Candidates may submit an application with all the information below as a Pdf document via email to: Savita.Monie@metmuseum.org.

- ◆ Name, present home address, telephone numbers and e-mail address
- ◆ Institution or institutions to which the fellow would like to apply (SRAL, MMA, FG)
- ◆ Current employer, contact name, position and title, institutional address, e-mail address and telephone numbers
- ◆ Applicant's position and title
- ◆ Full curriculum vitae of education, professional experience, honors, awards and publications
- ◆ Proposed program of professional training, study and/or research describing what the applicant hopes to accomplish during the fellowship period, and how the program will benefit the applicant and his or her institution in the performance of his or her duties upon return to his or her place of employment (not to exceed 1,000 words. Please state any preferences of restrictions regarding the length of the fellowship (any duration from 3-6 months) or the start date
- ◆ For applicants to Paper Conservation only: submit 2 conservation reports describing the treatment or preservation project and the rationale for all phases of the course of action
- ◆ Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts or a properly certified photocopy
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation from individuals well acquainted with the applicant's academic or professional work
- ◆ **IMPORTANT:** A letter of support from the head of the institution at which the candidate is employed, which must include a statement that the applicant is guaranteed his or her regular salary during the absence as well as confirming the return to his or her current position of the fellowship.
- ◆ The home institutions of the prospective fellows must obtain necessary clearances from the Government of India through the Ministry of Culture in reference to the foreign deputation of their employer well in advance before sending the employee for the fellowship program

Inquiries regarding the Program or the application process are welcomed and should be directed to the individuals listed below. All application materials for the fifth fellowship year must be received by **December 1, 2019**. Fellows accepted for the Program will complete their residencies sometime between September 2020 and July 31, 2021. Receipt of applications will be confirmed by e-mail. Successful candidates will be notified by end of April 2020.

If you have any questions as to whether you qualify for the fellowship please e-mail your questions to Savita.monie@metmuseum.org

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