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ROBERT RAUSCHENBERG FOUNDATION ARCHIVES RESEARCH RESIDENCY 2020 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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WHO SHOULD APPLY?	Individuals from any field, who can demonstrate a compelling need to use the archival materials housed onsite at the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Archives in New York City.
ELIGIBLE TRAVEL PERIOD	February 3 to December 11, 2020
FUNDS AVAILABLE	From \$500 to \$3,000 per residency depending on travel distance
DEADLINE	November 15, 2019, 11:59pm EST <i>Please note, the foundation is not able to grant extensions or accept late submissions</i>
AWARD NOTIFICATION	January 2020

OVERVIEW

The 2020 ARCHIVES RESEARCH RESIDENCY provides partial support for costs related to travel expenses that individuals may incur in order to do one- to two-week onsite research intensives at the Rauschenberg Foundation and its Archives in New York City.

The Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Archives, consisting of Robert Rauschenberg's personal papers and the records from his Florida and New York studios, is the most comprehensive body of information on the artist's life and career. The Archives Research Residency supports continued scholarly and investigative use of these materials by supporting individuals that demonstrate a compelling need to use the archives and addressing financial barriers that may prohibit onsite access to the Archives. In addition, the application is open to all individuals, thereby encouraging research opportunities that move beyond traditional art historical discourse.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

The Robert Rauschenberg Foundation (RRF) will provide one-time project-based support to scholars, academics, artists, and other researchers who can demonstrate a compelling need to use the archival materials onsite at the foundation and who may face financial barriers to visiting. To be eligible, applicants must:

- reside 50 miles or more away from RRF
- not have received a grant or other funding from RRF in the past 3 years
- be at the graduate level and above or equivalent



The application is open to U.S.-based and international individuals. Please note, priority will be given to independent researchers and/or those with significant distance to travel. Present and former staff and consultants are ineligible.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS / GRANT PURPOSES

RRF is interested in supporting wide and diverse use of the Rauschenberg Archives. The Archives Research Residency will provide partial support for research costs, expanding the range of individuals that are able to visit RRF for research purposes.

Archives research travel period is from February 3 to December 11, 2020.

Sample projects and topics range from traditional to innovative:

- exhibitions and publications
- globalism and internationalism
- inspiration for personal artistic practices
- artistic collaboration and multi-disciplinary practices

This list is by no mean exhaustive and creativity is encouraged.

TYPICAL EXPENSES

The Archives Research Residency will provide partial support for research costs ranging from \$500 - \$3,000 depending on travel distance. Residents should plan to spend four days to two weeks onsite and costs must be related to the time spent at the foundation. As the residency does not include housing, examples of expenses include accommodations as well as airfare, local transit, and other travel-related overhead.

Funds are provided as a stipend; a budget and receipts are not required. Minimal reporting will be required at the end of the research period.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Each proposal will be reviewed based on criteria listed below and completeness of application. Prior to decisions, RRF may contact applicant to solicit additional information or clarification. Applicants are notified of RRF's decision in January 2020.

Application should include the following:

- Clear, well-described project narrative
- Proposed travel dates within eligible time period: February 4 – December 12, 2019
- Appropriate list of materials from Rauschenberg Foundation Archives (view the Foundation's [archives collections and finding aids](#) webpage to search for materials of interest and see the [Guide to Searching and Requesting Research Materials](#) for more details)



- Up-to-date curriculum vitae or resume
- Optional: samples of work

Priority will be given to:

- independent researchers for whom travel funding is not available
- applicant's travel distance
- projects that are well-formed and developed and illustrate need for on-site archival research
- the project's potential contribution to the researcher's given field
- projects that are targeted for wide distribution or to under-represented audiences

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications will be accepted starting **September 17, 2018**, via online application portal [Submittable](#). Deadline to apply is **November 15, 2019, 11:59pm EST**. Proposed travel must be between February 3 and December 11, 2020. Successful applicants will be notified in January 2020.

Funds can be distributed up to four weeks in advance of the onsite residency dates.

The online portal application will request the following:

- Application Overview including: Name, Address and Country, Academic or Institutional affiliation (if applicable), Project Title and Summary (50 words or less), Proposed Research Time Period, and Other Sources of Funding for the Project, if applicable.
- Project Narrative (1,000 words or less) including: definition of project, anticipated outcome including the project's potential contribution to the researcher's given field and projects targeted for wide distribution or to under-represented audiences.
- Appropriate list of materials from Rauschenberg Foundation Archives (helpful links: [Archives Collections and Finding Aids](#) and [Guide to Searching and Requesting Research Materials](#)).
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Optional: professional affiliations and links or uploads of previous work: websites, publications, writings, digital projects, etc.

Learn more at [Frequently Asked Questions](#). Additional questions about the program and/or application can be directed to archives@rauschenbergfoundation.org. Staff will ensure a prompt response.