



Robert Rauschenberg Foundation  
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## ROBERT RAUSCHENBERG FOUNDATION ARCHIVES RESEARCH RESIDENCY 2024 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

### ROBERT RAUSCHENBERG FOUNDATION ARCHIVES RESEARCH RESIDENCY AT A GLANCE

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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	April 4 to December 13, 2024
FUNDS AVAILABLE	From \$4,000 to \$7,000 per trip depending on travel distance and length of residency
DEADLINE	Friday, November 10, 2023, 11:59pm EST <i>Please note, the foundation is not able to grant extensions or accept late submissions</i>
AWARD NOTIFICATION	February 2024

### OVERVIEW

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The 2024 ARCHIVES RESEARCH RESIDENCY provides partial support for costs related to travel expenses that individuals may incur in order to do one- to three-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. In addition, the archives holds select materials on organizations, art movements, and collaborations in which Rauschenberg was involved.

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. The application is open to all individuals and all topics within the collection, thereby encouraging research opportunities that move beyond traditional art historical discourse.

### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

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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:

- 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. International recipients are responsible for assuring they can travel legally in the United States. The Foundation is unable to sponsor VISAs or other travel documents.

Priority will be given to independent researchers, projects related to underrepresented topics/audiences, and those with significant distance to travel. Present and former staff and consultants are ineligible.

## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS / GRANT PURPOSES

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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 residency period is from April 4 to December 13, 2023.** Typical residency hours are Monday – Friday from 10:30 – 5:00. We are closed Saturdays and Sundays. In July and August, we may be closed on Fridays.

Projects can range from traditional to innovative:

- exhibitions and publications
- globalism and internationalism
- inspiration for personal art practice
- artistic collaboration and multi-disciplinary practices
- underrepresented topics and audiences

Projects can relate to any materials within the archives; projects do not need to focus on Rauschenberg. Creativity is encouraged. See our website for examples of [past residents' topics](#).

## STIPEND AMOUNTS / TYPICAL EXPENSES

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The Archives Research Residency will provide partial support for research costs ranging from \$4,000 - \$7,000 depending on travel distance and residency length. Residents should plan to spend four days to three weeks onsite and costs must be related to the time spent at the foundation. Funds are provided as a stipend and a budget is not required.

### *Stipend Amounts*

- NYC and vicinity (within 150 miles): \$4000
- North America, including Canada and Mexico, and Western Europe: \$5000



- Other International: \$6000

#### *Supplement*

- Up to two weeks: n/a
- Third week: additional \$1000

As the residency does not include housing, stipends are typically used to cover accommodations as well as airfare, local transit, and other travel-related overhead.

Funds will be distributed two- to four-weeks prior to the start of the residency. Minimal reporting will be required at the end of the research period.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

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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 February 2024.

Application will request the following:

- Application Overview
  - Name, Address and Country
  - Academic or Institutional affiliation (if applicable)
  - Project Title and Summary (50 words or less).
- Project Narrative (500 words or less)
  - Clear, well-described project narrative
  - Anticipated outcome including the project's potential contribution to the researcher's given field and/or projects targeted for wide distribution
- List of materials from Rauschenberg Foundation Archives
  - Materials can be searched on the Foundation's [archives collections and finding aids](#)
  - See [Guide to Searching and Requesting Research Materials](#) for instructions
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Proposed travel dates including selection of a one-, two-, and/or three-week residency
  - Eligible time period: April 4 – December 13, 2023
- Optional: professional affiliations and links or uploads of previous work: websites, publications, writings, digital projects, etc.

Priority will be given to:

- independent researchers for whom travel funding is not available
- applicant's travel distance
- projects that are well-formed 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 investigate under-represented topics/audiences



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Applications will be accepted for six-weeks starting **October 2, 2023**, via online application portal [Submittable](#). Deadline to apply is Friday, **November 10, 2023, 11:59pm EST**. Proposed travel must be between April 4 and December 13, 2023. Successful applicants will be notified in February 2024.

Learn more at [Frequently Asked Questions](#). Additional questions about the program and/or application can be directed to [archives@rauschenbergfoundation.org](mailto:archives@rauschenbergfoundation.org).