THE TERRA FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS IN AMERICAN ART at the Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) seek to foster a cross-cultural dialogue about the history of art of the United States up to 1980. Three twelve-month fellowships are awarded annually, one each at the predoctoral, postdoctoral, and senior levels, to scholars from abroad who are researching American art or to U.S. scholars who are investigating international contexts for American art. SAAM also hosts fellows supported by the Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program and offers other named fellowships. All fellowships are residential and fund full-time independent and dissertation research.

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is home to one of the largest and most inclusive collections of American art in the world. Its artworks reveal America’s rich artistic and cultural history from the colonial period to today. Search the museum’s permanent collection at AmericanArt.si.edu/collections/search/.

Resources
Each scholar is provided a carrel in SAAM’s Fellowship Office, situated across the street from the museum. Available research resources there include a 180,000-volume library that specializes in American art, history, and biography; the Archives of American Art; the graphics collections of American Art and the National Portrait Gallery; the Joseph Cornell Study Center and the Nam June Paik Archive; as well as a variety of image collections and research databases.

Conveniently located in downtown Washington, D.C., SAAM and the Fellowship Office are a short walk from other Smithsonian museums and libraries, the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and the National Gallery of Art. During their stay at SAAM, scholars will be part of one of the nation’s oldest and most distinguished fellowship programs in American art, and will have the opportunity to attend a wide variety of lectures, symposia, and professional workshops. Short research trips are also possible.

Support
The annual stipend for Terra Foundation Fellows is $32,700 at the predoctoral level and $48,000 at the postdoctoral and senior levels. A maximum allowance of $4,000 is available for research travel. The amount awarded will be determined based on the budget and justification presented by the applicant. An additional allowance may be provided to help with temporary relocation to the Smithsonian. The Smithsonian Institution’s Office of International Relations will assist with arranging J-1 exchange visas for fellowship recipients who require them.

Deadline
December 1, 2015, is the application deadline for fellowships that begin on or after June 1, 2016. For applications, research consultation, and general information visit AmericanArt.si.edu/fellowships or email AmericanArtFellowships@si.edu.

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