



Frequently Asked Questions (PDF):

Am I eligible to apply if I am graduating or recently graduated?

Graduating undergraduate student entering a graduate program: Yes, if you will enroll in a graduate program in the fall of the application year. Please include proof of acceptance with your application.

Graduating graduate student: Yes, if you are graduating in the spring of the application year. Those who graduated during the winter term or earlier are not eligible.

Recent graduate: No, applicants must be currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral program at the time of application. For other Smithsonian internship and fellowship opportunities, please visit www.smithsonianofi.com.

If accepted, will I have to complete a background check?

Yes, you may be subject to a background check if you are accepted into the program.

Do I have to identify as Latino or Hispanic to apply?

No, applicants of all backgrounds are welcome to apply.

Do I have to be bilingual in English and Spanish to participate?

All cohort and seminar programming are conducted in English. However, Spanish fluency may be a requirement for specific practicums that include Spanish language materials, audiences, or content. Please read the project description of the practicums you are interested in to verify language requirements.

Do I need to be a US citizen to participate in the program?

You do not have to be a US citizen to apply, however, applicants must be authorized to work in the United States.

How do I apply to the program?

All applicants must apply through the Smithsonian's Online Academic Appointment System ([SOLAA](#)) to begin your application. For further instructions, reference the LMSP Summer Graduate Fellowship Instructions on the program's webpage.



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When are selection decisions announced?

Selection decisions are announced approximately six weeks after the application deadline. All applicants are notified of their selection status through the SOLAA system.

I applied previously and I was not selected. Can I apply again this year?

Yes, please consider reapplying if you still meet the eligibility requirements.

What type of housing does the program provide?

Program-provided housing arrangements and location change from year to year. Generally, participants share a furnished apartment and share a room with one other person. Program staff make their best efforts to select housing in a location central to all practicum sites.

What is the time commitment to participate in the program?

The program is a full-time, Monday through Friday commitment. You must be able to be in Washington, D.C. for the duration of the program.

Does the program provide reasonable accommodations for participants with disabilities?

Yes. The Smithsonian is committed to creating an inclusive and accessible environment for all participants. We make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations to ensure interns with disabilities can fully participate in the program. If you require accommodations, please reach out to lmspinfo@si.edu either during the application process or after acceptance. Our team will work with you to address your specific needs.

How is the program responding to COVID-19?

The Smithsonian is, and will continue to be, a mask-friendly institution and is committed to fostering an inclusive, safe, and supportive workplace.