



Latinx Papers Project

Organized by the International Center for the Arts of the Americas (ICAA) at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston with support from the Mellon Foundation and the Terra Foundation for American Art

Call for applications: Student Field Researcher, Bentley Historical Library

Academic Level: Advanced MA or PhD student in Art History or related field

Term: Fall 2026 academic semester

Location: Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan

Deadline to apply: August 21st, 2026

Project Overview:

Latinx art is an integral yet thus far significantly under-recognized part of American art. Whether Chicana/o/x, Puerto Rican or Nuyorican, Cuban-American, Miami-Cuban or Dominican-York American, the artists who make up this community live and work in the U.S., but their art has not benefitted from the same level of representation and visibility as their peers within mainstream arts institutions nor in university and college classrooms. The International Center for the Arts of the Americas (ICAA) at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston seeks to address this critical absence through the [Latinx Papers Project](#). This groundbreaking, digital initiative is working to identify and disseminate key documents related to Latinx art via the ICAA's landmark [Documents of Latin American and Latino Art](#) project.

Learning Outcomes and Objectives:

The ICAA is offering a *Student Field Researcher* the opportunity to assist in surveying and identifying primary source documents held in Bentley Historical Library collections. These may include correspondence, manifestos, exhibition reviews, exhibition pamphlets, journal articles, etc. that relate to Latinx artists and related figures. Student researchers will gain expertise in key Latinx artists and art movements; develop archival research skills by working closely with primary source documents; and gain familiarity with best practices for digital archive projects.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

- Survey archival collections and identify documents of interest to the project within the Bentley Historical Library.
- Create inventories of targeted collections and documents that include basic bibliographic information, descriptive notes, and photographic reference.
- As needed, assist with the digitization of documents and uploading of images to the ICAA website.
- Liaise with the ICAA team and staff at the Bentley Historical Library. Provide additional research support upon request.
- Participate in biweekly, virtual meetings with ICAA supervisors.
- Maintain a log of hours worked each week.

Anticipated Schedule:

This part-time educational opportunity will comprise no more than **125 hours total** with an average of 10-12 hours of work per week. Working schedule is flexible, but duties must be performed in accordance with the Bentley Historical Library hours and availability.

The anticipated term is September 8th through December 18th, 2026, but adjustments will be considered to



accommodate the student researcher's schedule and/or unforeseen changes to the project timeline.

Stipend:

The student researcher will receive a fixed \$2,500 stipend for their contributions to the project within the above outlined term.

Upon completion of the term, the student field researcher is responsible for submitting an invoice and log of hours worked to the ICAA Research and Publications Senior Specialist (edonato@mfah.org).

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Advanced MA or current PhD student residing in or near Ann Arbor, MI
- Demonstrated background in Latinx art history or related field(s)
- Experience working with archives and library special collections
- Excellent research and organizational skills
- Regular access to a computer with capacity for videoconferencing
- Basic proficiency with Microsoft Office 365, including Excel
- Reading knowledge of Spanish is helpful
- Must be able to regularly perform work on-site at the Bentley Historical Library
- Must be currently eligible to work in the United States

Application Instructions:

Submit the following to icaa@mfah.org by August 21st, 2026. Please include your name + "Student Field Researcher, Bentley" as the subject of your email.

- CV/resume including any coursework relevant to this opportunity
- Brief statement of interest (150-200 words)
- Name and contact information for two (2) professional or academic references

Please note that only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted by the ICAA.

