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Internship Opportunity: Adolf Placzek Fellowship 2026

The New York Landmarks Preservation Foundation, in conjunction with the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC), is pleased to announce the Adolf Placzek Fellowship for the summer of 2026. This paid fellowship is an eight-week position at the LPC and is open to graduate degree candidates in historic preservation, architecture, architectural history, American history, or a related field.

LPC is the largest municipal preservation agency in the nation, and the fellow will have the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the Commission's work as well as the work of other related City agencies. Hosted by the agency's Research Department, the focus of the 2026 fellowship will be on identifying archival collections and secondary sources related to the architecture and cultural history of diverse communities in New York City, including the Black, Latino/a, or Asian communities, depending on the fellow's interest and skills. Aligning with LPC's goal laid out in the New York City Preliminary Racial Equity Plan of 2026 to increase the number of historic resource surveys that represent communities of color, this project will have an immediate impact in giving the department a broader set of archival research tools by which to better understand the historic context in these areas of the city.

The fellow will identify gaps within the agency's existing knowledge base and develop an annotated resource guide for researching these topics, which will be used to provide context for the Research Department's ongoing thematic and geographic surveys and research on potential individual landmarks and historic districts. The guide will include information about research collections on prominent individuals, organizations, and institutions associated with the history of Black, Latino/a, Asian, or other communities of color across all five boroughs, which will help guide Research staff on the future identification of historic resources related to these communities, and potential designations. The fellow will also study best practices from other cities and preservation organizations for identifying, recognizing, and regulating sites associated with communities of color. Finally, the fellow will participate in site visits and assist with other Research Department and agency projects.

The ideal candidate will be highly organized, have some familiarity with the history of one or more communities mentioned above, and be knowledgeable about archival research.

The 8-week summer fellowship pays \$4,500 and requires a commitment of 35 hours per week. The work will be done primarily in LPC's New York City office, with some hybrid work possible.

How to Apply

Please email your resume and cover letter to opportunities@lpc.nyc.gov. No phone calls, please.

Applications are due by Wednesday, May 6, 2026. LPC will only respond to qualified candidates.

NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission

The Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) is the largest municipal preservation agency in the nation. It is responsible for protecting New York City's architecturally, historically, and culturally significant buildings and sites by granting them landmark or historic district status and regulating them after designation. The agency is comprised of a panel of 11 commissioners who are appointed by the Mayor and supported by a staff of approximately 80 preservationists, researchers, architects, historians, attorneys, archaeologists, and administrative employees. There are more than 38,000 landmark properties in New York City, most of which are located in 159 historic districts and historic district extensions in all five boroughs. The total number of protected sites also includes 1,464 individual landmarks, 124 interior landmarks, and 12 scenic landmarks.

New York Landmarks Preservation Foundation

The New York Landmarks Preservation Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in 1980 to support the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission as well as to foster public awareness of preservation through educational outreach. The Foundation sponsors the Bronze Plaque, Historic District Markers, and Street Sign programs, denoting historic districts in the five boroughs of the City. For more information, please visit the Foundation's website at <http://www.nylpf.org>.

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