



**Lunder Institute for American Art at Colby College Museum of Art
2026–27 Lunder Institute Faculty Fellowship**

Informed by place, in collaboration, and in community, the Lunder Institute for American Art at the Colby College Museum of Art expands who shapes American art and alters its contours, while demonstrating the value of art as a public good.

In service of this mission, the Lunder Institute is pleased to invite Colby faculty to apply for the **2026–27 Lunder Institute Faculty Fellowship**. The fellowship supports one substantial faculty-led project **connected to the collections of the Colby Museum and the work of the Institute**, which includes its Fellows program, Summer Think Tank, Lunder Institute @ series, Lunder Institute Audio Archive, and other special projects and partnerships.

Between September 1, 2026, and May 31, 2027, the Lunder Institute Faculty Fellow will receive:

- affiliation with the Lunder Institute and invitations to its on-campus programming and events
- opportunities to build networks through the Lunder Institute by connecting with its cohort of fellows, the Colby community, and/or the broader regional community
- appointment to the Lunder Institute’s Faculty Advisory Board, which typically convenes three times a year
- a stipend of \$10,000, subject to tax and FICA withholding, paid in monthly installments, from which the Faculty Fellow pays all project-related expenses
- funding for up to two Student Fellows to support the fellowship project, with a stipend of \$1500 paid in monthly installments directly to each student

Fellowship eligibility and requirements:

All Colby faculty with tenure-track or continuing non-tenure-track appointments in 2026–27 are welcome to submit an application. Student Fellows must be enrolled at Colby College and approved to work on campus throughout the fellowship period (until the last day of classes in May 2027); faculty must identify these students before submitting a fellowship application. While no formal training or experience in the arts is required to be a Lunder Institute Faculty or Student Fellow, applicants must demonstrate preparedness for the proposed critical and/or creative engagement with the Colby Museum and its Institute.

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Faculty Fellows and Student Fellows present their in-progress project at Greene Block + Studios in November or December 2026, accompanied by a written and/or visual documentation of the work in progress submitted to the Lunder Institute. They will also participate in individual oral interviews about their project for the Lunder Institute Audio Archive in spring 2027. At the end of the fellowship period, but no later than May 31, 2027, Faculty Fellows submit to the Lunder Institute a project reflection of 800-1000 words, and Student Fellows write a reflection of 500-800 words. After completion of their appointment, all Faculty Fellows are expected to wait at least three years before submitting a new application for consideration.

Deadline and review: To submit an application, please complete [this Google Form](#) by **December 15, 2025**. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of Lunder Institute staff, with notifications made by January 15, 2026. Please direct all questions to the Institute's Director of Academic and Scholarly Engagement, Tanya Sheehan (tsheehan@colby.edu).

We invite you to read more about the Colby Museum's collections and the Lunder Institute's projects/programs:

[Colby Museum Collection Search](#)

[Lunder Institute Fellows](#)

[Lunder Institute @](#)

[Lunder Institute Audio Archive](#)