

BENJAMIN MENSCHEL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM THE COOPER UNION

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Benjamin Menschel Fellowship

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS 2026-2027

- Answer the questions listed on page two of this document and upload your responses as a single file PDF file to the Menschel application form.
- Number each answer to correspond with the question.
- Adhere to the specified word count ranges for each question.
- At the top of each page, include the following information:
 - Name/Names all of Team Members
 - Project Title

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. RESEARCH FRAMEWORK (700-900 WORDS)

Articulate the specific question or problem driving your research. Describe what draws you to this particular inquiry and the intellectual or creative impulse behind your project. Explain how you plan to investigate this question, detailing your research methods with concrete specificity. Consider what form your discoveries might take, whether physical artifacts, documented experiments, theoretical frameworks, or other modes of understanding.

2. CONTEXT & CONTRIBUTION (300-500 WORDS)

Trace the connections between your specific inquiry and broader intellectual, social, or creative concerns. What larger questions or conditions does your project engage?

You might also reflect on the potential impact of your research. How might your work create new pathways for thinking or making? What might others, at Cooper Union and beyond, learn from your investigation? Consider not just the immediate findings, but the broader implications of your approach, the questions you open, the conversations you might provoke.

3. TIMELINE (200-400 WORDS)

Map the key phases of your research, creating a clear progression from initial investigation to final presentation, demonstrating the feasibility of completing your project within this timeframe. Identify critical deadlines and time-sensitive elements of your project. Account for both research, documentation, and exhibition preparation.

4. BUDGET

Provide an itemized list of anticipated expenses, for example:

- Materials and supplies necessary for your research
- Costs associated with travel or site access
- Exhibition materials and installation expenses
- Any documentation costs

You may choose to include quotes or references for any substantial expenses to demonstrate the feasibility of your budget, though this is not strictly necessary.

5. EXHIBITION APPROACH

Consider which elements of your research process will be most important to share. Reflect on how you might make your inquiry visible and accessible to others. Explore what form of documentation will best capture the journey of your research, and how a presentation will invite viewers into your investigative process. You are welcome to describe this narratively, visually, or some combination thereof.

6. ADVISORY RELATIONSHIP STATEMENT

Attach your Advisory Relationship Statement. Make sure it is signed/agreed to by your advisor.