

**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: Adolf Placzek Fellowship**

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The New York Landmarks Preservation Foundation, in conjunction with the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC), is pleased to announce Adolf Placzek Fellowship for the summer of 2024. This paid fellowship is an eight-week position at the Landmarks Preservation Commission and is open to graduate degree candidates in historic preservation, architecture, urban planning, architectural 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. In January 2021, LPC launched an Equity Framework to ensure diversity and inclusion in designation, with a particular focus on preserving historic places associated with underrepresented communities; robust outreach and public dialogue with the city's diverse communities; and fairness, transparency, and efficiency in regulation so that all property owners have equal access to resources, technical assistance, and expertise.

In its nearly 60 years of designating and preserving New York City's architecturally, historically, and culturally significant buildings and sites, LPC has designated approximately 200 religious properties as individual landmarks, and 350 within historic districts. These include some of the city's oldest buildings and some of its grandest and most ornate. LPC has begun an important data initiative to study its designated religious structures, the challenges they have faced, and tools that have been successful in their restoration or adaptive reuse, to help inform future planning for historic religious properties.

The fellow will support LPC's work by undertaking a special project related to this study of designated religious properties. This project continues work done by the 2023 Placzek Fellow. The fellow will work with several of LPC's departments on this cross-disciplinary study. The fellow will create and analyze data related to designated religious properties. In addition to compiling critical data on these properties, another goal will be to understand how LPC regulation has supported the mission of congregations as well as the adaptive reuse of former religious properties. Work may include documenting ownership, land use, review LPC permits issued and approved architectural drawings, analyze planning issues such as transfers of development rights, as well as documenting and/or assessing physical changes to these sites over time, including completed major alterations, new buildings on religious property sites, and adaptive reuse projects. LPC's Preservation Department Religious Properties special desk will assist with access to permit review information, materials, and processes; and LPC's Research Department staff will assist with planning analysis of the properties identified for study and provided guidance for how to gather and synthesize relevant information for the project from LPC's designation reports and research files.

It is anticipated that final products produced by the fellow will include a robust dataset including the religious property facets described above as well as an interactive web mapping application that can be used by LPC staff to better understand how the LPC has regulated designated religious properties.

Sarah Carroll  
Chair

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 remote work possible.

### **How to Apply**

Please submit resume and cover letter to [opportunities@lpc.nyc.gov](mailto:opportunities@lpc.nyc.gov). No phone calls, please. **Applications are due by April 26, 2024.** 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 37,800 landmark properties in New York City, most of which are located in 154 historic districts and historic district extensions in all five boroughs. The total number of protected sites also includes 1,449 individual landmarks, 121 interior landmarks, and 11 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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