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DurationPart time
(14 hours/week)**Location**Brooklyn, New York/
Remote (hybrid)**Pay Rate**\$4,410 tuition remission
(per semester)

Pratt Center is seeking a Policy & Data Fellow from the Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment to support a variety of Pratt Center's policy initiatives and programs related to housing and land use. This will include but is not limited to policy research, data analysis and visualization, and contributing to writing reports in support of our community partnerships and policy priorities.

Fellows at Pratt Center work 14 hours per week under the supervision of a staff member. The work schedule aligns with Pratt Institute's academic calendar; fellows work when school is in session. In 2026-2027, there will be a cohort of four fellows and learning opportunities provided throughout the fellowship year.

Responsibilities

In support of our policy and community planning projects being conducted with community partner organizations, the Policy & Data Fellow will:

- × Conduct analyses of public and private data sources, including U.S. Census Bureau data (Census, ACS, NYC Housing and Vacancy Survey), city databases (ACRIS, PLUTO, HPD registration data, etc.) and state datasets (NY Courts evictions data, etc.), in collaboration with program and policy staff.
- × Generate maps and other data visualizations for reports and other research products, including static and interactive maps, tables, and infographics.
- × Conduct literature reviews
- × Synthesize findings from research into written (and potentially visual/spatial) formats
- × Contribute policy research and writing to Pratt Center publications where appropriate.
- × Join staff in meetings with coalitions and community organizations that Pratt Center supports, as necessary and feasible.
- × Work cross-functionally with the programming and communications teams to identify research needs and deliver visually compelling products aligned with Pratt Center communications guidelines.

Skills and Interests

Demonstrated commitment to community-based, participatory planning and racial and economic justice; local knowledge of New York City's housing, planning, economic development, and land use policy and advocacy environment is a plus. Required skills include strong written and verbal communication skills; spatial analysis and data visualization skills, including proficiency in statistical and GIS software such as ArcGIS, Carto, R, or Stata; and proficiency with Excel. Additional desired skills include experience using data.census.gov, and experience with Tableau and other tools for interactive data visualization. Experience with policy analysis is a plus.

To Apply

This is a hybrid in-person and remote position. It is a two-semester part-time fellowship at 14 hours/week. Graduate fellows are paid \$4,410 per semester by tuition remission. Interested candidates should email a resume and cover letter to s.morse@pratt.edu with the subject line: Policy and Data Fellow. The priority deadline is **April 15**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

About Pratt Center for Community Development

Founded in 1963, the Pratt Center for Community Development works for a more just, equitable, and sustainable city for all New Yorkers. As part of Pratt Institute, we leverage professional skills including participatory planning, community organizing, and public policy advocacy to support community-based organizations in their efforts to challenge systemic inequities and advance sustainable development.



In collaboration with partners, we aspire to:

- × A shift in the balance of power toward people of color and other marginalized low-income communities and away from those whose privilege has afforded them disproportionate power.
- × Processes and outcomes for urban planning and policy that are inclusive and address historic harms
- × An equitable economy that provides decent, secure employment and entrepreneurial opportunity for all New Yorkers and acknowledges and acts upon critical barriers to entry for people of color and women
- × Climate justice as the product of efforts led by communities most impacted by climate change to upend racial, social, and economic inequities perpetuated by environmental degradation.
- × A robust, racially and socioeconomically diverse field of community planners, urban planning and community development professionals.

About Pratt Institute

Founded in 1887, Pratt Institute is a global leader in higher education dedicated to preparing its 4,700 undergraduate and graduate students for successful careers in art, design, architecture, information, and liberal arts and sciences. Located in a cultural hub with historic campuses in Brooklyn and Manhattan, Pratt is a living lab of craft and creativity with an esteemed faculty of accomplished professionals and scholars who challenge their talented students to transform their passion into meaningful expression.

We are an equal opportunity employer and do not discriminate in hiring or employment on the basis of race, color, creed, religion or belief, national or ethnic origin, citizenship status, marital or domestic partnership status, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity or expression, age, disability, military or veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law. Pratt Institute recognizes and values the benefits of a diverse workforce.

