

Windgate Fellowship Award

WEBSITE: www.craftcreativitydesign.org/grants/windgate-fellowship/

APPLICATION DEADLINE

RISD Preliminary Application Due: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at NOON

Windgate Application Due (Nominees only): Friday, February 7, 2020, 11:59 pm

RISD Application opens: October

RISD Nominees are notified: November

Awards are announced: April

Grant funding begins May/June and project is to be completed in 12 months.

DESCRIPTION

The Windgate Fellowship Award program was established by *the Center for Craft, Creativity & Design (CCCD)* to encourage and advance the development of serious, innovative artists in the United States whose work is in some way related to, or informed by, the processes, materials, traditions, and/or sensibilities of craft. The award is designed to advance the understanding of craft by encouraging and supporting research, scholarship, and professional development. This is one of the largest awards offered nationally to art students.

Each year, the Center invites over 100 Colleges and Universities across the United States to participate in the program. These institutions are invited to nominate two graduating seniors with exemplary skill in craft to compete in the national award competition. Ten graduating seniors will be selected by a Windgate panel representing curators, artists, and faculty to receive a \$15,000 award. Following the award, Fellows are required to submit a brief progress report and budget update when they request fund withdrawals (up to three). They may also be invited to contribute to a blog.

To view the work of previous Windgate Fellows visit: <http://www.craftcreativitydesign.org/grants/windgate-fellowship/>

As per CCCD, this Fellowship is considered income by the IRS and is reported for the year(s) in which you receive funding.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Successful applicants will demonstrate a balance of content and design, and a mastery of materials.
- The proposal has the ability to advance work that is informed by the craft process, materials, traditions and/or sensibilities.
- The proposal demonstrates innovation and curiosity, a commitment to growth of applicant's own work, and evidence their work might stimulate creative thinking or dialogue among other artists.
- The proposal includes a budget and timeline that are feasible.

In essence, the jurors look at quality of work, feasibility of the proposal, and potential impact on field.

ELIGIBILITY

- Currently enrolled graduating seniors. Applicants must be graduating between December 2019 and August 2020.
- Work must be informed by craft processes, materials, traditions, and/or sensibilities.
- Areas of study may include: ceramics, sculpture, wood, furniture, fiber, textiles, glass, printmaking, metal, jewelry, mixed media, or other.
- Applicants of any citizenship are eligible to apply but must be able to receive taxable income for the duration of the grant.

APPLICATION PROCESS & COMPONENTS

- Students must fill out and submit the RISD Preliminary Application online by the internal deadline. The link to the online application can be found at <https://careercenter.risd.edu/risd-managed-grants>. The application components are:
 - APPLICANT PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION
 - RESPONSES to the following in 1 PDF. Please include the question text as headers before your responses, and use 1 inch margins, Times New Roman 12-point font, and single spaced rows:

- ESSAY 1) Artist’s statement. (1,500 characters with spaces max)
- ESSAY 2) Provide a description of how you would use the \$15,000 Windgate Award to advance your work and practice. (1,500 characters with spaces max) **Hint:** Think of this short question as – how do you plan to spend the money? Address the logistics and feasibility.
- ESSAY 3) Clearly describe what you want to do to advance your practice and how this award will assist you. Your proposal should address how your work is informed by craft process, materials, traditions, and/or sensibilities. (3,000 characters with spaces max) **Hint:** Think of this longer question as the chance to expand upon Essay 2 and explain why this plan makes sense given your career goals and where you would like to advance your practice. AND Don’t forget to address the second part of this question – how is your work informed by craft?
- ESSAY 4) Contextualize your work in relation to personal development and artistic influences. How might this proposal stimulate creative thinking or dialogue among other artists? (1,500 characters with spaces max)
- BUDGET) Provide a budget of how the award might be spent. Consider travel, lodging, course/workshop fees, materials, and/or equipment. Create a clear budget in a table format with columns for “Item” and “Amount.” (1 page max)
- TIMELINE) Provide a general timeline for the 12 months of the grant. Create a clear timeline in a table format with columns for “Month” and “Activity/Action.” (1 page max)
- Unofficial TRANSCRIPT. Go to your RISD Student Planning account and download an “Unofficial” transcript. Upload this PDF into your application. Make sure the PDF is legible. Your submitted transcript should include the courses you are currently registered for this Fall semester.
- NUMBERED IMAGE LIST to include: title, materials, dimensions, and year PLUS a narrative descriptions for each piece (1,000 characters with spaces max for each image narrative). The narrative is important. Use this space to help make your case and support your proposed project.
- YOUR WORK/10 IMAGES. The images should be approximately 900 X 1200 pixels and must be jpg file format. Each image of your work should be a single image, not a collage of several. **Hint:** Your images should demonstrate a balance of content and design as well as a mastery of materials within a cohesive framework.
- A RISD Selection Committee selects and notifies two applicants for nomination by November 15, 2019.
- Selected nominees will receive information about the Windgate Application process. The online application opens December 1. The application consists of: 10 images of your work, 1 image headshot, narrative statements, budget, 12 month project timeline, and two references.
- Nominees are required to schedule a meeting in December with Lisa Cramer, the Grants & Residencies Manager. She will provide guidance throughout the process and editorial support. Windgate requires that each nominee has a RISD mentor.
- Applicants must send a draft of the application and images to be submitted to Lisa for review by January 21, 2020.
- Selected nominees complete the online application by the deadline.
- Nominees are required to pay a \$25 application fee when they apply, which RISD will cover. Submit receipt to the RISD Career Center for reimbursement.
- Applicants are required to submit a final copy (PDF) of their application to the RISD Career Center.
- Awards are announced in April. Grants begin in May/June.

TIPS FOR APPLICANTS:

- **Each attachment can be up to 3MB, however, please note that the TOTAL upload cannot be over 25MB.**
- **Avoid submitting at the last minute. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**
- Review the guidelines and required materials carefully before you begin the application.
- Follow all directions carefully.
- Prepare your application in advance in a word document and check your spelling. **The application form will not save your answers once you leave the page.**
- Documents/Responses within a PDF should be in the same order as listed in the guidelines. Please include the question text as headers before your responses, and use 1 inch margins, Times New Roman 12-point font, and single spaced rows.
- Attachments should be named in the following way: FirstnameLastname.Documenttype. So Jane Smith would name her files JaneSmith.Response, JaneSmith.Transcript, etc.
- Image file titles should include the number followed by a parenthesis to ensure they sort in the order you intend. So 1)JaneSmith.ImageTitle, 2)JaneSmith.ImageTitle, etc.
- After you submit you will see a submission screen and receive an email confirming a successful submission.

RISD CONTACT

Lisa Cramer, lcramer@risd.edu, 401.454.6669
 RISD Grants & Residencies Manager

Updated 10/2019