

# Windgate-Lamar Fellowship Award

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.centerforcraft.org/grants-and-fellowships/windgate-fellowship>

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**RISD Internal Preliminary Application Due: Friday, October 28, 2022 at 12:00 PM NOON ET**  
**Windgate-Lamar National Application Due (Nominees only): Monday, February 6, 2023, at 11:59 PM ET**

RISD Application opens: October  
RISD Nominees are notified: November  
Awards are announced: April  
Grant Period: May - April (the project is to be completed in 12 months)

## DESCRIPTION

Since 2006 the Windgate-Lamar Fellowship, established by the Center for Craft, annually awards \$15,000 to 10 undergraduate seniors/5<sup>th</sup> year students across the United States who demonstrate exemplary skill in craft. It is one of the largest awards offered nationally to art students. This prestigious award program is widely known for being a catalyst for the next generation of craft artists – those whose work is informed by the processes, materials, traditions, or sensibilities of craft.

The Fellowship Goals are:

- Professional Development - To provide visibility and networking opportunities for emerging makers
- Support - To financially support the careers of emerging makers
- Recognition - To recognize and affirm emerging talent

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/5<sup>th</sup> year students with exemplary skill in craft to compete in the national award competition. Ten students will be selected by a Windgate-Lamar panel representing curators, artists, and faculty to receive a \$15,000 award. Seventy percent of the grant will be awarded upon execution of the grant agreement and receipt of the Fellow's W9. The final thirty percent of the grant will be awarded upon receipt of the Fellow's final report, including a two page summary of how the grant funds were spent, projects pursued, and ten high-resolution images of work created or projects pursued during the Fellowship.

To view the work of previous Windgate-Lamar Fellows visit:

<https://www.centerforcraft.org/grants-and-fellowships/windgate-fellowship#recent-fellows>

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

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- Student's work must be informed by craft processes, materials, traditions, and/or sensibilities.
- Work should demonstrate a balance of content and design, as well as a mastery of materials.
- Applicants should demonstrate innovation and curiosity, commitment to growth, and show evidence of how their work will stimulate creative thinking or dialogue among other artists.
- The proposal includes a budget and timeline that are feasible. Feasibility is extremely important.

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

## ELIGIBILITY

As per the Center for Craft Windgate-Lamar Fellowship Guidelines:

- Currently enrolled graduating seniors and 5<sup>th</sup> year students working in a craft medium. Applicants must be graduating

between December 2022 and August 2023.

- Areas of study may include: ceramics, sculpture, wood, furniture, fiber, textiles, glass, printmaking, metal, jewelry, mixed media, or other.
- Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. Permanent Resident, OR in the process of applying for U.S. Citizenship.
- Applicants must be able to receive taxable income for the duration of the grant and report this grant as income.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.

## APPLICATION PROCESS & COMPONENTS

- We recommend that applicants reach out to their department head to let them know they are applying and ask for guidance from a faculty member on fine-tuning their application for the RISD internal deadline.
- 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#windgate>. 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 that includes how your work is informed by a craft process, materials, traditions, and/or sensibilities. (1,500 characters with spaces max)
- ESSAY 2) Description of what you want to do to advance your practice and how this award will assist you. Where do you see your practice in 5 years? (3,000 characters with spaces max)
- ESSAY 3) Contextualize your work in relation to your artistic development and its influence on the field of craft (which may include stimulating creative thinking or dialogue among other artists) if you are awarded the Windgate-Lamar Fellowship. (1,800 characters with spaces max)
- ESSAY 4) Brief description of how you would use the \$15,000 Windgate-Lamar Fellowship Award to advance your work. (1,800 characters with spaces max)
- BUDGET) Provide a budget that fully outlines the expenses associated with the Windgate-Lamar Fellowship, accounting for the full amount of \$15,000. Consider travel, lodging, residency registration, course/workshop fees, materials, studio equipment, and/or studio rent. Create a clear budget in a table format with columns for “Item” and “Amount.” List no more than 25 items. And, do the math – include totals. (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, then Academics, then “Student Planning.” Download an “Unofficial Transcript.” Your submitted transcript should include the courses you are currently registered for this Fall semester. Check the size of this document. The transcript file you receive is often quite large. You will likely need to compress this file considering your application cannot exceed 25MB in uploads. Upload this PDF into your application. Make sure the PDF is legible.
- 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. Single images are encourage to best show off your work. If you include two views of a piece in one image, it should be for good reason (front and back view for example). Collages of more than 2 views of a piece are not allowed. **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 mid-November.
- Selected nominees will receive information about the next steps in the Windgate-Lamar 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-Lamar requires that each nominee has a RISD mentor.
- Nominees are required to schedule a meeting in December with Kevin Jankowski, Director, to review their images for the national application.
- Applicants must send a draft of the application and images to be submitted to Lisa for review by January 23, 2023.
- Selected nominees complete the online application by the deadline.
- Nominees are required to pay an 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 and end the following April.

*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

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