

VISUAL ARTS FELLOWSHIP

Greater Columbus Arts Council and Columbus Museum of Art

Purpose

The Visual Arts Fellowship is a partnership between the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Columbus Museum of Art to recognize outstanding visual artists within the community.

Description

Four visual artists are selected based on the quality of work submitted, as determined by a blind competitive jury process. Fellowship recipients receive a cash award and an invitation to participate in the *Greater Columbus* exhibition at the Columbus Museum of Art. In addition, fellowship recipients will be eligible to apply for the invitation-only Artist Exchange program to Dresden, Germany in the year following their fellowship.

Who is eligible to apply?

This fellowship program is for visual artists who meeting the following criteria:

- Are professional, working artists (age 18 and older);
 - Definition: individuals who devote a significant portion of their time to the creation of personal artwork. The professional artist is likely paid for performances, sells their artwork, or shares their independent body of work with the public on a regular basis. Individuals working in a creative industry primarily producing commercial work are not eligible. Artists should be focused on realizing their own creative or aesthetic ideas, rather than on documentation or journalism.
- Live in Franklin County OR live in a county bordering Franklin County AND primarily exhibit, perform, produce or present artistic work in the city of Columbus;
- Have had residency in Franklin County or a county bordering Franklin County for at least one year prior to the date of application;
- Are NOT enrolled as degree-seeking undergraduate students.

NOTE: Award recipients must remain residents of Central Ohio for the entire grant period (one year).

NOTE: Past fellows are ineligible to apply for a period of *five years* from the date of their award; for example, 2019 fellowships recipients may not reapply until 2024.

Which artistic disciplines are eligible?

- 2-D Visual Arts (painting, drawing, printmaking, mixed media, craft, photography, video, etc.)
- 3-D Visual Arts (sculpture in any media, craft, installations, etc.)

What is the fellowship award amount? How many fellows will be selected?

\$10,000 per artist – four artists will be selected in 2021. Awards are unrestricted and are intended to assist fellowship recipients in any manner they deem fit to support the creation of new works and the advancement of their careers.

May I submit a joint application with another artist?

Yes, collaborative works may be submitted as one application (there is a section to add a collaborator's name in the application). Only one award is given for collaborative works, to be shared equally with each collaborating artist.

When are applications due?

Application Due	October 25, 2021
Applicants Notified	November 30, 2021
Fellowship Dates	January 1 – December 31, 2022
Exhibition Dates	TBD – Spring/Summer/Fall 2022

What are the application questions/uploads?

- Six images or video files of at least four different works created in the past three years are required.
 - File formats accepted: jpeg, jpg, png, mp4, mov, avi.
 - Each image file uploaded must be 10MB or less.
 - Each video field uploaded must be 2GB or less.
 - You may submit a combination of video files and still images.
 - Work submitted must have been created within the last three years. Works dated prior to 2018 will not be accepted.
 - Please remove all identifying markers from your uploads (i.e. your name, website, etc) for the blind jury process.
- Description of Work
 - Provide an artist's statement about your submitted images/videos. In your statement, detail your technique, purpose, motivation, subject matter, medium or any new directions you may be taking with your work. This statement *may* be read by the panelists to better understand the focus or direction of your work. The statement should not contain your name or any identifying statements.

How can I arrange my uploaded files in the system?

To order your images/videos, you will need to label your files before uploading. Title your file name with numbers 1-6, then the title of the image. For example, "1. Name of First Image" then "2. Another Image Title." Panelists will view your images in the order you arrange them by number. If you choose to present a detail, or more than one view of the work, your images should be ordered so that images of the same piece are next to each other.

AFTER SUBMITTING – NEXT STEPS

Review, evaluation and selection

Fellowship recipients are recommended by a panel of jurors. The jurors are recognized visual arts professionals from outside of the region, with new jurors each year. Their decisions are based solely on the artistic merits of the work submitted. Your image files are the most important element of your application. You should submit a succinct body of work for the panel to consider, rather than a broad range of styles and media. Submitted materials will be reviewed with the following criteria:

- Overall artistic excellence and technical proficiency
- Innovative and creative use of medium
- Consistency in submitted body of work
- Uploaded image/video quality

The panel jury process is blind; each application is identified by randomly assigned number. Jurors have access to the images, file titles, and the description of work only. Personal and professional information about applicant, such as name, address, website or past grant/fellowship applications is NOT available to jurors and does not factor into decision-making.

Notification

Following a vote of the jury, applicants will be notified by email of the determination.

AFTER YOU ARE AWARDED

Grant Agreement

Following your selection as a Visual Arts Fellow, a grant agreement specifying the terms of the fellowship will be available in GoArts under the "Requires Attention" heading. To accept the award, review the grant agreement and digitally sign by the date indicated.

Publicity/Donor Acknowledgement

Once you are awarded, say "Thanks!" in a public way. The Arts Council requires that all artists receiving funding demonstrate the public value of the arts by making others aware of awards received and acknowledging public funders. Refer to the *Fellowships: Publicity/Donor Acknowledgement* pages at the end of this document for details of the contractual publicity requirements.

Payment

Recipients of the Visual Arts Fellowship will receive 100% of their award following the receipt of a digitally signed grant agreement. Starting in 2021, all awards will be sent via ACH direct deposit, unless otherwise requested.

THANKS TO OUR PARTNER

The Greater Columbus Arts Council thanks to the Columbus Museum of Art for being an exemplary partner in the Visual Arts Fellowship for many years. We look forward to celebrating the Visual Arts Fellows at the *Greater Columbus: The 2022 Greater Columbus Arts Council Visual Arts Awards Exhibition*, curated and presented by the Columbus Museum of Art.



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Social Media

When your award is approved, say “thanks” on social media! Like and tag the Greater Columbus Arts Council and Columbus Makes Art pages on Facebook, use @GCAC_Cbus on Twitter and/or include hashtags #gcacgrants and #artmakescbus on Instagram.

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Thank Public Funders

Thanking public officials for their support is important for the future vitality of arts and culture in Columbus. Send letters/emails to [Columbus Mayor](#), [Columbus City Council Members](#) and [Franklin County Commissioners](#) thanking them for their support of the arts in Columbus, the Greater Columbus Arts Council and for the grant you received. Consider including a story about the impact of this support on you, the organization and/or the community. Save copies of these letters/emails to include with your final report.

Mailing Addresses:

Mayor and Columbus City Council: City Hall, 90 W. Broad St, Columbus OH 43215

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Event Calendar

Listing your event via the Ohio Event Finder is a grant requirement for organizations and optional for individual artists. Register your organization at Ohio Event Finder (www.ohioeventfinder.com) and list your events so they are posted on both ColumbusMakesArt.com and ArtsinOhio.com. Make sure to select the event attribute: “Funded by the Greater Columbus Arts Council.” If you are an individual presenting an event, contact your venue to list the event through Ohio Event Finder. If your venue is not registered or you have any other questions please contact Nick Dekker at ndekker@gcac.org. Facebook events posted by organizations and individuals should also contain recognition of the Arts Council award.

Public Relations

When publicizing your grant please thank the Greater Columbus Arts Council, the city of Columbus and Franklin County. Acknowledge grant support in press releases and mention the Greater Columbus Arts Council in newspaper interviews, media/promotional appearances and event/performance announcements and curtain speeches.

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Donor Acknowledgement

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- Include the Arts Council logo in all print and digital media that you produce for internal and external audiences. Examples of promotional materials include newsletters, eblasts, brochures, playbills, postcards, advertisements, educational materials, exhibit signage.
- List the Greater Columbus Arts Council as a supporter of your organization or project in donor lists at the donor recognition level most appropriate to the grant size.

Art Makes Columbus/Columbus Makes Art Campaign

- When there is space available, include the campaign logo in print and digital marketing materials. Find the logo and other resources www.columbusmakesart.com/toolkit/.
- Use #artmakescbus when promoting events on social channels and in print where possible.
- Follow @artmakescbus on Twitter/Instagram and “like” Art Makes Columbus on Facebook.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about any of these requirements, logo usage or have trouble downloading our logo, contact Jami Goldstein, VP of Marketing, Communications and Events (614-221-8492, jgoldstein@gcac.org).

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