

FELLOWSHIPS FOR ARTISTS



VISUAL ARTS FELLOWSHIP

DEADLINE

April 14, 2023
5:00 p.m.

PURPOSE:

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

THIS FELLOWSHIP IS OPEN TO:

Individual 2-D and 3-D artists.

AWARD AMOUNT:

\$10,000

EVALUATION/NEXT STEPS:

- Competitive.
- Jury reviewed.
- Notifications 45 days after deadline.

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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 working visual artists (age 18 and older);
 - Description:
 - The artist is likely paid for performances, sells their artwork, and/or shares their body of work with the general public.
 - The artist is focused on expressing 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.
- Applicant agrees to remain a resident of central Ohio for one year after the award date.

NOTE: Past fellows are ineligible to apply for a period of five years from the date of their award; for example, 2021 fellowships recipients may not reapply until 2026.

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 2023. 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 Opens	March 14, 2023
Application Due	April 14, 2023
Applicants Notified	May 30, 2023
Fellowship Dates	January 1 – December 31, 2024
Exhibition Dates	TBD – Spring/Summer/Fall 2024

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 2020 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. GCAC requires that all organizations and artists receiving funding demonstrate the public value of the arts by making others aware of awards received and acknowledging public funders. Funds for Artist grantees should use the channels available to them, such as social media, newsletters and press releases to recognize support from GCAC. Refer to [APPENDIX A](#) for more details of the contractual publicity requirements.

Payment

Awardees of the Visual Arts Fellowship will receive 100% of their award following the receipt of a digitally signed Grant Agreement.

All payments will be issued through ACH Direct Deposit unless otherwise requested.

Banking information is collected (or updated with changes) as part of the grant agreement and is stored securely. You have up to a year to spend the funds.

NOTE: Payments may take up to three weeks to be processed.

THANKS TO OUR PARTNER

GCAC thanks 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 2024 Greater Columbus Arts Council Visual Arts Awards Exhibition, curated and presented by the Columbus Museum of Art.

