2022 Windgate-Lamar Fellowship Awards

Each year, the Windgate-Lamar Fellowship identifies ten graduating college seniors with exemplary skill in craft. Awardees receive $15,000 – one of the largest awards offered nationally to art students.

Now in its sixteenth year, the Center for Craft’s Windgate-Lamar Fellowship marks $2.1 million awarded to 140 emerging craft artists nationwide. Nominated from a national network of 100+ university art programs, these makers represent a skilled and motivated next generation for craft.

“The Windgate-Lamar Fellowship provides critical financial support as a bridge between college and graduate school or life as a working artist,” says Stephanie Moore, Executive Director. “The Fellowship instills confidence and fosters bravery to take risks and the chance to seek and engage in career-enhancing opportunities.”

The results of such early support are already beginning to emerge. Today, Windgate-Lamar Fellows hold full-time faculty positions, are accepted into nationally renowned residence programs, mount solo shows, and establish successful studios. Over half have gone on to earn a Masters of Fine Arts degree. Their work can be seen in nationally traveling exhibitions, represented in galleries, and published in periodicals such as American Craft. Supporting the next generation is one of the Center for Craft’s main focus areas identified to build a thriving national craft field.

Grant Goals

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

Overview
Grant Name: 2022 Windgate-Lamar Fellowship
Award Amount: $15,000
Grant Period: 12 months
Please be advised that this is a closed, invite-only application process.

To inquire about becoming a nominating institution, please email grants@centerforcraft.org for more information.

Timeline

Nominations Due: November 16, 2021
Applications Open: December 1, 2021
Applications Due: February 7, 2022
Award Notification: April 2022
Grant Period Begins: May 2, 2022
Grant Period Ends: April 2023

Eligibility

● Nominees must be undergraduate seniors working in a craft medium
● Nominees must be able to receive taxable income for the duration of the grant and report this grant as income
● Nominees must be 18 years of age or older
● Nominees must be US citizens or in the process of applying for citizenship
● Nominees must be graduating seniors (2022 Fellows must graduate between December 2021 and August 2022).

Participating institutions develop the selection process in order to identify two graduating seniors who meet the following criteria:

● Student’s work must be informed by craft process, 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 Center for Craft prohibits discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based on sex, sexual orientation, race, color, religion, national origin, disability or perceived disability, age, marital status, gender identity, veteran status, or any other protected category. The Center encourages applications from historically underrepresented populations.

Submitting an application does not constitute a promise or guarantee of being awarded a grant or fellowship.

Considerations in final selection:
The Center for Craft respects, values, and celebrates the unique attributes, characteristics and perspectives that make each person who they are. We foster open communication of diverse perspectives and bring a broad range of individuals together to enrich and support programming. Ultimately we will ask the Selection Panel to compose a set of recipients deserving of further recognition while prioritizing diversity and representing a range of geographies & materials.

**Requirements**

- 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 project pursued during the Fellowship.
- Grant permission for the Center for Craft to use the images from Fellow’s application and final report, or other high-resolution images the Fellow may want to provide, in press releases and/or reports of work by recipients of the Windgate-Lamar Fellowship program.
- Acknowledge Support by the Windgate-Lamar Fellowship Award administered by the Center for Craft, in any publication or press release during the grant period, and anytime Fellow shows work made through the support of this grant moving forward.
- Attend and participate in a 2022 Windgate-Lamar Fellows virtual convening.

**Application Review Process**

Nominee applications are reviewed by staff of the Center for Craft for completeness and evaluated by a panel of jurors using the following criteria to evaluate each application:

- Work represented in the ten application images demonstrates a balance of content and design as well as a mastery of materials.
- Proposal has the ability to advance work that is informed by the craft process, materials, traditions and/or sensibilities.
- 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.
- Proposal includes a budget and timeline that are feasible.

**How to Apply**

Only eligible nominees are invited to submit an application through a private submission link. An application fee of $15 is due at the time of submission and is processed through SlideRoom. Please contact SlideRoom directly if you run into any issues processing the fee.

Applicants must apply using the online application program SlideRoom using the private link provided to nominees by email. Please review the sample application below before beginning your application.
All applicants should create a login to be able to partially complete the form and return to finish it at a later date. Before submitting your application, you will be directed to a confirmation page where you will be able to review your form and return to edit or delete your uploaded files as needed. Once you submit your application, you will not be able to access your form again. Applicants will receive a confirmation email once the application form has been successfully submitted.

**Application Deadline**

The application for 2022 Windgate-Lamar Fellowship must be submitted via SlideRoom no later than 11:59 pm ET on Monday, February 7, 2021.

**Notification**

Notification of the results will be sent via email in April 2022 for a start date of May 2, 2022. The e-mail address listed on the application form will be used to send out notifications. Please be sure that it is a valid account that you check regularly.

**2022 Windgate-Lamar Fellowship – SAMPLE APPLICATION**

*This is only a sample application, all applications must be completed in SlideRoom.*

**SAMPLE APPLICATION**

Demographic Survey

Please note that the data from the demographics section will only be used anonymously for grant writing and reporting and as part of an overall understanding of who the Center for Craft serves. Center for Craft has and upholds an organizational nondiscrimination policy. Completion of this survey will in no way affect your application. You must complete the form, however, you may answer each question with the "prefer not to answer" option. Thank you.

1. Optional: Is there an Instagram and/or Facebook account for yourself and/or this project that you would like to be associated with this proposal? If this proposal is selected for funding, this information would be used for press purposes only.

2. What is your age?

3. What is your gender identity?

4. What are your pronouns?

5. Do you identify as LGBTQ?

6. Do you identify as Latinx/Hispanic?

7. What category best describes your race?

8. What is your current household income in US dollars? If you are a dependent, what is your parents' household income?
9. Would you like to receive the Center for Craft newsletter?

Cover Sheet

1. Applicant Name
2. Your website (if applicable)
3. Institution/School
4. Please provide us with an external/alternate email address: (Please provide an email address that is not linked to your school address, i.e. your gmail account)
5. Concentration of Study
6. Date of Graduation
7. Are you able to receive taxable federal income in the U.S. (or U.S. territories) for the duration of the grant period (through April 2022)? For example, this might look like having a social security number (ITIN for DREAMers) and a US bank account.

Application

1. Please provide an artist statement
   Please use no more than 1,500 characters, including punctuation and spaces (about 250 words)
2. Provide a brief description of how you would use the $15,000 Windgate-Lamar Fellowship Award to advance your work
   Please use no more than 1,500 characters, including punctuation and spaces (about 250 words)
3. Please 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 a craft process, materials, traditions, and/or sensibilities.
   Please use no more than 3,000 characters, including punctuation and spaces (about 500 words). For a definition of craft, you can visit our website at: https://www.centerforcraft.org/about#what-is-craft
4. Please contextualize your work in relation to personal development and artistic influences. How might this proposal stimulate creative thinking or dialogue among other artists?
   Please use no more than 1,500 characters, including punctuation and spaces (about 250 words)

Budget

Provide a budget that fully outlines the following items (if applicable) to your proposal, accounting for the full amount of $15,000.
Examples

- Travel/lodging expenses
- Registration or workshop fees
- Materials, equipment
- Other (identify)

Timeline

Please provide a timeline for the 12 months you have to complete the proposal beginning May 2, 2022, or from the date of your graduation if later. If you receive an award, 70% of the funds will be released on May 2, 2022 (once terms of the grant agreement are reviewed and agreed to) and the remaining 30% will be released once you have completed the final report (at the end of the 12-month funding cycle). A Fellowship is considered income by the IRS and is reported for the year(s) in which you receive funding.

References

Please designate two individuals who support your proposal (e.g. an advisor, teacher, dean or community member) as references. You will need to request through your SlideRoom application that they complete a reference form, due on the same date as the application, no later than 11:59 pm ET on February 7, 2022.

Media: 10 work samples. Please include title, date, medium, size, and a short explanation for each.

- Images (up to 5MB each)
- Video (up to 500MB each)
- Audio (up to 60MB each)
- PDFs (up to 20MB each)
- 3D Models via Sketchfab
- External media from YouTube, Vimeo, and SoundCloud

You have the option of uploading any combination of images or video links (from hosting sites such as Vimeo, Flickr, or YouTube.) During the review process, only the first 2 minutes of each video sample, so please edit your materials accordingly. Images should be in a JPEG format no larger than 1600 pixels on any side @ 300 dpi. Name each jpeg file with “Collaborator’s Last NameImageTitleNumber.jpg,” i.e., “SmithUntitled1.jpg”, “SmithUntitled2.jpg” etc. Each uploaded image or video link must be accompanied by a corresponding image description (up to 50 words). Please include title, date, medium, size, and a short description of each uploaded image or media file.
FAQ

How do I become a nominating institution?

Please email grants@centerforcraft.org to receive more information.

Is my institution on the list of nominating institutions for the Windgate-Lamar Fellowship?

Please email grants@centerforcraft.org

Where can I find information about previous recipients of the Windgate-Lamar Fellowship?

Please visit the Windgate-Lamar Fellowship Award page on the Center for Craft website.

What is the final deadline for submitting my online application form?

The application for 2022 Windgate-Lamar Fellowship must be submitted via SlideRoom no later than 11:59 pm ET on February 7, 2022.

May I mail a hard copy of my application materials to the Center for Craft’s office?

No, hard copy submissions will not be accepted. The application must be completed and submitted through SlideRoom.

Can I work on my application and return to complete it at a later date?

Yes, creating a login account will enable you to complete the form in several online sessions. I just submitted my application but I want to return to it and make an edit. Is this possible?

No, once your application is submitted, you will not be able to return to the form or change any submitted information. The application fee must also be paid at the time of submitting your application as you will not be able to log-in again to access the payment page again.

I have a question that wasn’t answered. How can I reach the Center for Craft?

If you have any further questions, please contact grants@centerforcraft.org

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