Description:
The Farber Fund for Student Excellence will underwrite special projects initiated by deserving undergraduate art majors in the Roski School. Selected through a competitive process, the $4,000 prize will support art-related endeavors beyond the classroom that have real societal value.

Continuing sophomore, junior or senior art majors may apply for the award. A maximum of one award will be made each year; the funding will become available after July 1. Individuals may apply once each year in successive years; however they can only get the award once during their time at USC. The winner will be recognized at the Annual student Show and Award Ceremony in May at the Fisher Museum.

The award can fund travel, research opportunities, residencies, art projects, etc. as long as it relates to the student's work and follows the guidelines above. There is no absolute requirement for a public exhibition or presentation of any kind. However, if an exhibition or public presentation is desired, the dates and details will be agreed in advance with the student's mentor, the faculty committee and the Dean.

Eligibility:
Applicant must be continuing art majors at the Roski School. Team proposals will be considered; however the financial award will remain the same ($4,000) and will be shared.

Project Eligibility:
The application must include a proposal and a budget of expenses related to the project.

Faculty Mentor:
Students must work with a faculty mentor, chosen by the student, and agreed in advance by the mentor. The “Agreement of Serve as a Mentor” form must be completed at the time of the application and uploaded to the application site. The faculty mentor will help the student develop the proposal as well as guide the student through the different phases of the project. Faculty mentors cannot be on leave during the academic year the project takes place. Adjunct faculty can mentor student with advance permission from the Roski Vice Dean of Faculty.

Travel:
If travel is required, the student must notify the Roski School of their travel plans and emergency contact information in advance of the proposed travel. The funding will not be dispersed without submission of full travel information to Penelope Jones, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. The student will be given the appropriate travel forms upon receipt of award.

Value of Award:
The award is a fixed amount of $4,000. The funds will be dispersed upon completion of any required forms. Once the funds have been dispersed the student is responsible for all expenses related to the project. Please note that the award money is taxed. Tax withholdings vary for individual students. Recipients should expect as much as $1,000 to be deducted for this purpose.
Assessment of Applications:
The application will be evaluated by a committee of full-time faculty of the Roski School of Art and Design, and approved at the discretion of the Dean.

Application Deadline:
All applications must be received on SlideRoom (slideroom.com) by March 30, 2016 at 5pm where you will find a specific application for the Farber Fund. A tutorial for uploading materials is available when you sign up for an account in SlideRoom.

Applications must include:
1. Student information including full name, cell phone number, email address, local and permanent address and USC ID.
2. A statement of intent of up to 500 words, including: (a) proposed project and goals, including how you would benefit from this opportunity; (b) any travel plans; (c) the relevance of proposed project to your art practice; and (d) anticipated outcome of research.
3. Supporting materials, such as additional information and links to websites.
4. Completed Budget form.
5. Samples of art work to include up to a total of 10 still image and/or 3 video clips of not more that 5 minutes each. Labe images as follows: Artist’s name_ImaegNumber.jpg. The assessment of your proposal will be based in part by your ability to convey a coherent overview of your work through your visual examples. Please include the title, dimensions and materials under each image. You may also include a short description.

For Questions Contact:
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