

**Description:**

The Rebekah and Howard Farber Fund for Student Excellence is awarded to one outstanding undergraduate student in the USC Roski School of Art and Design. Selected through a competitive process, the prize will support art-related endeavors beyond the classroom that have real societal value.

A maximum of one award will be awarded annually at the discretion of the Dean of the Roski School. The final selection of the awardee will rest with the Roski Committee on Prizes and Exhibitions, in consultation with full-time faculty possessing the requisite expertise in the medium and the vice deans of art and/or design. The winner will be recognized at the award ceremony for the Annual Student Show 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 Roski Committee on Prizes and Exhibitions, faculty mentor, the vice deans of art and/or design, and the dean.

**Student Eligibility:**

Applicants must be continuing sophomore, junior or senior art or design majors. Individuals may apply once each year in successive years, but they may only receive the award once during their time at USC.. Team proposals will be considered; however, the financial award will remain the same (\$4,000) and will be shared. The Rebekah and Howard Farber Fund awardee must also consent to work regularly with a designated faculty mentor through the completion of the project. The awardee must be in good academic standing at the time of the award and remain in good standing throughout the culminating year. The awardee must be without prior or pending issues of conduct. Any breach of the above may result in revocation of the award and/or award activity.

**Project Eligibility:**

The application must include a proposal and a budget of expenses related to the project. Please note: this is not a travel prize; however, if travel is intended the applicant should include an itinerary as part of the proposal or budget.

**Faculty Mentor:**

One full-time instructor must be selected by the student who must agree to serve as the designated faculty mentor for the Farber Fund. The selection of a faculty mentor is subject to approval by the vice dean of art and/or design, and will guide the student through the different phases of the project from start to finish. Additionally, it is encouraged that the awardee meets with other full-time faculty, in particular full-time faculty currently teaching in applicable curricula, at key points during the process, from conceptualization to realization of the project. Students and faculty mentors cannot be on leave during the academic year the project takes place. Adjunct faculty can mentor student with advance permission from the vice dean of faculty.

**Travel:**

If travel is required, the awardee must notify the Roski School of their travel plans and emergency contact information in advance of the proposed travel. All travel destinations must be approved in advance by the USC Student Affairs office. The funding will not be dispersed without submission of full travel information to Penelope Jones, assistant dean of student affairs. The awardee will be given the appropriate travel documents upon receipt of award.

**Value of Award:**

The Farber award is a fixed amount of \$4,000. The will be paid to the recipient after July 1, once necessary paperwork is completed. Once the funds have been dispersed the awardee 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 \$1,500 be deducted for this purpose.**

**Assessment of Applications:**

The Farber award recipient will be selected by a jury comprised of faculty on the Roski Prizes and Exhibitions committee, and approved by the the Dean of the Roski School.

**Application Deadline:**

All applications must be received by Friday March 29, 2019 at 5pm. Please submit your application online at [roski.slideroom.com](http://roski.slideroom.com) where you will find a specific application for the Rebekah and Howard Farber Fund for Student Excellence. A tutorial for uploading materials is available when you sign up for SlideRoom.

**Applications must include:**

1. Student information including full name, USC ID, cell phone number, email address, local, and permanent address.
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) anticipated outcome of research;
3. Attach a timeline including plans for the final project and for presenting the resulting work.
4. Supporting materials, such as additional information and links to websites.
5. Completed budget form.
6. 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. 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, date, media/materials, and dimensions under each image. You may also include a short description.
7. Completed Agreement to Mentor form, uploaded as a PDF.

**For Questions Contact:**

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