



Department of Art

John Dorsey Prize for Outstanding Curatorial Practice – Guidelines

As the leading art critic for *The Baltimore Sun* and a well-known area curator, John Dorsey's incisive critical perspective and passion for visual arts provided immeasurable contributions to the contemporary art community. This annual Department of Art prize rewards students who excel in critical thinking skills and curatorial practice. The award honors the single, best exhibition proposal submitted for this competition. Applications are due on February 9, 2009, the winner will be announced on February 16, 2009, and the exhibition opening will be held on April 15, 2009.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be full-time, graduate or undergraduate Studio Art and/or Art History majors at the University of Maryland College Park during both the application and exhibition semesters.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit the following in one complete application package:

1. Completed John Dorsey Prize Application

Applications are available in the Art Office and online at www.art/umd.edu.

2. Letter of Proposal

Prepare a typewritten, detailed letter of proposal. Your signed letter should include:

- A. Information on your theme and its art works. Include a proposed title, your conceptual criteria for selection and what works will be in the show.
- B. Description of any additional related events (e.g., moderated panel or invited speaker lecture) that will occur with your proposed exhibit.
- C. Detailed timeline that includes activity and expenditure dates.
- D. Description of your previous curatorial experience (if applicable).
- E. Plan for design and preparation of your promotional materials.

3. Budget Sheet

Prepare a budget, detailing how the allotted \$2,500 prize will be used. The budget is intended to "provide a cash prize for the selected recipient, as well as stipends for student artists who present work in the exhibit," and monies for exhibition expenses. You will need to allocate monies for promotional materials. See application for budget template.

4. Digital Imagery on CD-ROM and List of Images

Each Image file must be ▪ in jpg format ▪ 300 dpi resolution ▪ maximum width or height of 1500 pixels ▪ no larger than 3MG. CD-ROM should be clearly marked with your name, project name, and "John Dorsey Prize." Discs must be readable on both PC compatible and MAC platforms. Save files using last name and file number, i.e. Smith_01.jpg. A printed list of images (including files name, title, date of work, and brief description) must be included with the application.

5. Resume

An up-to-date resume or CV must be included with your application.

CONTACT US

Specific award/proposal questions should be directed to the Chair of the Department of Art at 301.405.1446. For general questions, please contact Danielle Curtis in the Art Office at 301-405-1445.

Application packages must be received in the Art Office by 4 p.m. on February 9, 2009.



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I. PERSONAL DATA

Name	UID			
Address	Email			
Home Phone	Cell Phone			
Undergraduate				
Major	<input type="checkbox"/> Studio Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Art History	<input type="checkbox"/> Both (Double-Degree)	
Class Standing	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Anticipated Date of Graduation	Year: 200__	<input type="checkbox"/> May	<input type="checkbox"/> December	
Graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Studio Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Art History		

II. LETTER OF PROPOSAL

Develop and attach a typewritten, detailed letter of proposal. As described in the John Dorsey Prize Guidelines, the following items must be addressed:

- Exhibition Title, Theme and Description
- Related Events (If Proposed)
- Detailed Timeline
- Statement of Curatorial Experience (If Applicable)
- Plan for Promotional Materials

III. BUDGET SHEET

Include a budget sheet showing, at a minimum, the information in the template below.

Description	Estimated Expenses
Prize: Cash Amount to Winner	\$
Stipend Amount (\$_____ per Student Exhibitor)	
Supplies	
Promotional Materials	
Other:	
Total	\$ 2,500

IV. DIGITAL IMAGERY ON CD-ROM & LIST OF IMAGES

V. RESUME OR CV

Mail/Deliver Application Package to: Department of Art (Attention: John Dorsey Prize)
 1211-E Art/Sociology Building
 University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742

DEADLINE: Must be received or postmarked on or before February 9, 2009.