

Gero Family Travel Grant
Studio Art and Art History
Department of Art, Art History and Design

The Department of Art, Art History and Design invites applications for the Gero Family Travel Grant. This grant supports travel and related expenses for a research paper, senior thesis, or capstone studio project in pursuit of a B.A. or B.F.A. degree in studio art or art history. All proposals for travel must be approved and sponsored by a faculty advisor. Travel may occur during the academic year or during the summer, and may be in conjunction with a study abroad experience, or an independently planned research trip. A limited number of awards range from \$3000-6000 dollars.

Eligibility:

- Funds will provide support for undergraduate research or study for students in studio art and art history who are in pursuit of a BA or BFA degree in the department.
- Funds are awarded for projects or study completed during the summer recess or the academic year in conjunction with study abroad.
- Activity must take place outside the US.
- Open to current Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors.

To apply, please submit a double-spaced proposal (up to 3 pages) explaining the purpose and rationale for the travel, a detailed budget, and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member.

The proposal should include:

- An **Introduction** that states the proposed work's objectives and anticipated significance in lay terms. Plans for study abroad should be clearly articulated along with details of affiliate institution.
- A **Background** section which provides a brief review of work that has already been done in the area of your project. Students should note any previous research they have personally completed or experience they have had that is relevant to their proposal. For studio-focused projects, students may include two examples of previous work.
- A **Schedule** section, that includes specific dates for the initiation and completion of each phase of the project, or course(s) taken.
- A clear **Statement of Research Goals** section that explains what the outcome of your work will be. Will your project contribute to a senior thesis or course work related research paper? Are you planning a public presentation of your work?
- **Any additional information or items that you feel are relevant** to your proposal.

The budget should include:

- All materials, airfare, lodging, and related expenses that will be required to complete the project or period of study, and the estimated cost of each item. Please specify any other sources of funding you plan to use for this travel. Grant funds may not be used for personal travel beyond the scope of the project. Please itemize your expenses and justify the need for each expense.

Applications are due March 31. Please submit your completed application, including faculty recommendation to the department's Director of Undergraduate Studies, 306 Riley Hall.

Note: Students receiving funding will be required to submit all related receipts upon return, and a one-page summary documenting their experiences and outcomes from the project. Students are to write to the Donor reporting on their experience as a recipient of a Gero Family Travel Grant, and it is anticipated that as work is completed, students will share with the Donor copies of final research papers and documentation of completed art works.