Summer Experience in the Arts (SEA) Awards


The goals of the Initiative are:
- To make it possible for more students to actively experience the arts.
- To involve a critical mass of students in artistic projects.
- To reinforce the centrality of the arts in academic and campus life at Pomona College.
- To explore the arts as a medium for students to apply their intellectual capital in service to the surrounding communities.

INVITATION
The Elemental Arts Initiative will competitively award six (6) summer stipends to support student research in the arts. The initiative aims to support students intending to pursue full-time internships, arts apprenticeships, collaborative research with a member of the arts faculty, or their own research agenda with frequent and substantive arts faculty interaction. Projects applying a cross-disciplinary perspective and a collaborative approach across the arts, sciences, humanities, and social sciences are encouraged.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION
All proposals are welcome and will be evaluated on:
- Artistic and academic value.
- Proposed outcome in student’s personal creative development.
- How the research experience will be brought back and shared with the Pomona College community.

Successful candidates will be required to document and formally present aspects of their summer experience to the campus community in the Fall semester following their Summer Experience in the Arts. Participation is required in a forum with other SEA recipients.

APPLICATION
To apply students must submit a written proposal of not more than three (3) pages describing the proposed research or other arts project, how it will advance their artistic and academic goals, and how it will be shared with the Pomona College community.

A line item budget must accompany the proposal. The line item budget must include:
- A stipend for the student for up to 10 weeks of full-time research. Maximum stipend is $4,000 only.
In addition the budget may also include:
- Line items for research related art supplies, materials, equipment, and/or instructional fees for workshops and classes, to be paid on a reimbursement basis.
- Line items for travel, to be paid on a reimbursement basis. The total budget for these additional line items may not exceed $1,000.

To create your budget proposal you may use the optional budget template available for download on the Elemental Arts website. Students who are unable to front the expenses should contact the Grant Coordinator, to make alternate arrangements.

Proposals must be accompanied by:
- A letter of support from the proposed arts faculty collaborator/arts faculty mentor, and must include a confirmation of proposed dates, duration of the proposed project, as well as the faculty member’s intention to serve as an active mentor during this period.
- Faculty letters of support should be mailed or emailed separately to the Elemental Arts Grant Coordinator.
- The student’s CV (no more than 2 pages).

ELIGIBILITY
- Currently enrolled Pomona students;
- Students from Scripps, Harvey Mudd, Claremont McKenna, and Pitzer College enrolled in an arts course with a Pomona College professor;
- Students enrolled for independent study in the arts at Pomona College;
- Students participating in a performance ensemble based at Pomona College;

Graduating Seniors are not eligible for the SEA awards. All continuing Pomona College arts faculty are eligible as collaborators/arts faculty mentors. Collaborating faculty are expected to maintain regular communication with students during the proposed research period, which may be as short as four or as long as ten weeks.

DEADLINE
The application deadline will be announced on the Elemental Arts website and publicized via email and usual Claremont Colleges channels sometime in December-January. Deadline for applications is normally in February. Six SEA Award winners will be announced in March-April.

SUBMISSIONS
Applications should be submitted online. The online application procedure, including opening and ending dates, will be provided to all faculty and students via an email announcement sometime in December-January.

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