



Art Academy
of **Cincinnati**

Mission

To create and sustain radical, forward-thinking, contemporary visual artists and designers whose creative contributions make a substantial difference in all the lives they touch.

Vision

To be the most celebrated, relentless, rebellious, cutting-edge and radiant community of artists and designers anywhere, at any time—the seers, the radicals, the innovators, and creative professionals who establish the rules that the future will follow.

Stephen H. Wilder Traveling Award

General Information 2017

**Deadline for Completed Wilder Application Binder:
4:00 p.m., Friday, April 21, 2017 to Denise Watson**

Judging: Monday, May 8, installation of your work and support materials must be completed by 9:00 a.m. (They must be de-installed by 3:00 p.m., the same day.)

General Information

The Wilder Traveling Award is open only to graduating students who have completed all requirements for awarding of the BFA, and whose application for graduation has been approved by the Academic Dean, and having earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above at the completion of all course work. This Award is reserved for travel as a contribution to the advancement of the student in their chosen creative practice. Each applicant is advised to consult with appropriate faculty far in advance of preparing their application, in order to ensure that the written proposal will be regarded by the faculty as being of sufficient experiential value.

Students applying for the Wilder must have both an exhibition of work for review and submit a **complete** Wilder Application Binder. The exhibition should include the student's finest recent work. It may contain a maximum of thirty (30) works and a minimum of fifteen (15). Relevant papers, written projects, or other forms of scholarly or creative work or their documentation may also be included in the Wilder Application Binder.

In planning your itinerary and budget, recognize that the maximum amount awarded for a Wilder Traveling Award is \$4,000. The jury consists of the Academic Dean and all full-time faculty.

Purpose of the Wilder Award

1. To enable the graduate to travel by providing financial support for educational and artistic growth.
2. To encourage, publicly recognize, and reward exceptional achievement and potential.
3. To establish qualitative role models for Art Academy students.

Specific Requirements

1. Each applicant for the Wilder must assemble the following for inclusion in a Wilder Application Binder (Binders are available from Denise Watson) in the following order:
 - a. Completed Wilder Application Checklist Form
 - b. Wilder Traveling Award Proposal
 - c. Senior Thesis (with required visual documentation)
 - d. Appropriate support documentation
 - e. A Degree Audit (DA) will be included by the Registrar
2. Each applicant for the Wilder Traveling Award must install a professional presentation of work (at least 15 works, but no more than 30) in a assigned designated space in the Jackson Street building by **Monday, May 8; installation of your work and support materials must be completed by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 8, 2017.**
3. The exhibition of work may include support materials such as journals, sketches, small maquettes, etc. Support materials may not be installed with the main display of work, but must be grouped in a separate location. Support materials must be just that and not completed pieces or documentation of other works.
4. In arranging the display of work, applicants must bear in mind that quality of presentation is very important. Every effort should be made to install a professional presentation. Framed work is acceptable, but not required. Applicants must provide their own tools, materials, and technology necessary to display their work.
5. Applicants should remain by their work until their presentation has been checked by a faculty member. Applicants must exit the building prior to judging, and may return at 12:00 p.m. Work must be de-installed by 3:00 p.m.
6. Wilder Traveling Award applicant will be informed of the results of the judging via written notification posted by each applicant's presentation.

Wilder Application Binder Submission Process and Deadline

Your complete Wilder Application Binder must be submitted to Denise Watson in Office #S253 by

4:00 pm Friday, April 21, 2017.

No materials may be added, removed, or altered in any way after they are submitted.

Incomplete Wilder Application Binders will not be included in judging.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

Wilder Proposal requires that you answer the following questions:

1. Why do you deserve to be awarded a Wilder Award? Why should you be regarded as a strong candidate who can meet the expectations of this award?
2. If you were to receive a Wilder Award, how would you make use of it? Where, when, and how long would you travel?
3. While traveling to the place(s) indicated in question 2, what specifically would you hope to achieve and to learn? Why is it important for you to travel there?
4. How does your travel proposal relate to your education at the Art Academy? How will it contribute to your future involvement in your creative practice?
5. Specifically, how would the funds be used if you were awarded a Wilder? Present an itemized budget (transportation, food, lodging, etc.) of the costs of your proposed travel. (Seek price quotations from travel agents, travel publications, or Internet sites to obtain realistic costs.)

Criteria used in judging:

- Quality of studio work (concept, craft, process, emerging professionalism)
- Quality of academic work (scholarship, critical thinking, writing, originality, presentation)
- Demonstrated potential for future artistic growth
- Relation of proposal to artistic and professional goals
- Quality of proposal in concept and as a written document

The Fine Print

- A student may apply for this award only once. An exception would be a student seeking a second BFA degree.

- The Art Academy reserves the right to withhold the award in any year in which the quality of the portfolios submitted is judged to be below Wilder standards of excellence.
- All voting is by secret ballot.
- Award payment will be arranged by the Academic Dean. The funding will be withheld if the winner cannot use it for travel and study.

Obligations

- Each recipient of a Wilder Traveling Award must make use of it within one (1) year of being awarded the scholarship.
- Each recipient should advise the President periodically regarding their progress and plans.
- Having completed his or her travels, a recipient may be asked by the President to submit work for exhibition.
- Each Wilder recipient is obligated to donate one piece of work from their Wilder presentation to the Art Academy. The piece will be selected by the Academic Dean and Studio Program Chair in consultation with the recipient.

Further questions: please contact Jimmy Baker jbaker@artacademy.edu.