John and Barbara Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Scholarship 2016

Ars Electronica, Vienna and Prague

The John and Barbara Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad and Academic Scholarship Fund for The University of Akron’s Mary Schiller Myers School of Art was established in 2013 by John and Barbara Gillette to provide students with the opportunity to explore the borderless and timeless language of the arts, and to provide the gift of education for art majors. The John and Barbara Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Scholarship offers invaluable lessons in life and art for junior and senior-level students who have declared art as their primary major. For the students who are selected to participate in the program, it is a high honor and responsibility. Held in even-numbered years starting in 2014, the Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Scholarship program will provide full support for overseas travel and study in contemporary art forms, art culture and art history.

In September 2016, Profs. Tony Samangy and Markus Vogl will lead a group to Austria and the Czech Republic. The primary destination is Linz, Austria to see the Ars Electronica exhibit, which runs September 8th-12th. Ars Electronica is a fusion of art, technology and society that is unique in the depth and breadth of its content and programming. The trip will also include two days in Prague and two days in Vienna, where students can visit world-renowned museum collections and experience historic architecture and urban centers.

The Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Scholarship is one of the most prestigious and valuable awards offered through the Myers School of Art. The application process is highly selective, and only seven to ten scholarships are awarded. All art majors who meet the eligibility requirements are welcome to apply; a faculty nomination is not necessary to earn this scholarship. Your application materials are of critical importance: you are strongly encouraged to put your best work forward in order to be competitive for this scholarship.
**Eligibility**

Eligible for the *Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Scholarship* are undergraduate students who:

- have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00;
- have at least a 3.50 grade point average in their Major (all 7100: Art classes);
- will be a Junior or Senior at the time of travel (autumn 2016);
- have passed 7100:250 Foundation Review if a studio major;
- have a declared art as their primary major; and
- are in good standing with the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

Ineligible for the *Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Scholarship* are:

- seniors graduating in Fall 2016;
- students who submit incomplete or late applications.

**Application Requirements**

Each copy of your application must include the following:

1. Cover sheet
2. Work Sample
3. Letter of Interest
4. Resume
5. Academic Transcript

Application materials should be submitted to the Manager of Student Affairs by Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 12:00noon. You must submit 6 SEPARATE, IDENTICAL, COMPLETE PACKETS. Each set of application materials must be in its own 9x12 envelope labeled with your name. Do not submit materials in a binder or portfolio. Students should consult with the Manager of Student Affairs if documentation of their work cannot readily be submitted in print form.

1. **Cover Sheet**
   The requisite cover sheet must be completely and accurately filled out and signed; reformatted versions of the cover sheet are not acceptable. If you need assistance determining your GPA or earned credit hours on DARS, please consult the Manager of Student Affairs. The cover sheet can be found on page 6 of these guidelines.

2. **Work Sample**
   - **Studio and Graphic Design Majors:** Submit documentation of 3-6 exemplary works (minimum of 3 for 3-D artists and 6 for 2-D artists). Students must independently select which works to include. If appropriate, students may include an artist’s statement no longer than one page (250 words).
   - **Art History Majors:** Submit one paper that represents outstanding scholarship and writing.
   - **Art Education Majors:** Submit a sample of curriculum development such as a full lesson plan with studio samples, electronic portfolios, or an advanced research project.
(3) Letter of Interest
The letter of interest should be a clear and concise document, no longer than three pages in length (750 words). The standard format will be: 12-point, Times New Roman font, double-spaced. Research the destination(s) of the Gillette Study Abroad Program, and in your letter, address the following questions:

1. What museums, sites, and experiences at the destination(s) will be influential in your growth and development as an artist, designer, scholar, or educator?
2. Indicate specifically how the culture, artistic heritage, and/or history of the destination(s) will be inspirational to your work.
3. How will the contemporary art on exhibit shape your work as an artist, designer, scholar or educator?

(4) Resume
The resume must include your full name, student ID #, UA email address, phone number, address, education history, and work history (if applicable). Please submit this as a PDF document. It should highlight the following aspects:

1. Professional Growth and Accomplishments. Highlight the public presentation of your work in venues such as: solo and group exhibitions including those sponsored by the Myers School of Art such as the Juried Student Show, the Student Art League show, the Myers School of Art Studio Scholarship show, GAR UA/KSU exhibition, participation in conferences and research symposia, and any presentation at outside galleries or museums (i.e., AAM or CMA). Demonstrate your professional growth through: awards and honors received; travel; work history; internships; membership in professional organizations, such as Spaces Gallery or MOCA.

2. Service to the School and Community: Include volunteer and other experience to demonstrate your commitment to the Myers School of Art and the arts community in NE Ohio. This can include gratis art/design projects; internships; organizing lectures, films and/or art walks; Student Art League membership/leadership roles; mentorship of fellow students; volunteering for Myers School of Art recruitment events such as Portfolio Review Day and School tours; and UA Student Organization memberships/leadership roles.

(5) Academic Transcript
This can be obtained through the Office of the University Registrar or DARS, and must include coursework from the current semester (Spring 2016).

The Scholarships and Grants Committee as of Spring 2016 consists of:
Kate Budd, MFA, Associate Professor, Sculpture
Elisha Dumser, Ph.D., Chair, Assistant Professor, Art History
David Szalay, MFA, Associate Professor, Graphic Design
Katie Timperio, MA Ed, Manager of Student Affairs (non-voting)
Laura Vinnedge, MFA, Associate Professor, Painting and Sculpture
Hui-Chu Ying, MFA, Professor, Printmaking
Notification of the Award
Recipients of the Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Scholarship will be notified by email of the award, and will be honored during the Myers School of Art Awards Ceremony. The Spring 2016 Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2016 at 12noon.

Expectations of Scholarship Recipients
The Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Scholarship is an honor and a responsibility. The applicants selected as recipients of this scholarship agree to the following commitments:

- Appropriate conduct throughout the process of application, preparation, travel, and post-travel. See the Student Code of Conduct for standards; those in violation may be sent home at their own expense, and will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.
- Participation in pre- and post-travel meetings with faculty organizers. The time commitment is extensive, and all participants must commit to work collaboratively and individually through Spring 2017.
- Active participation in trip documentation and presentation to the school and donors, including the development and presentation of a public exhibition, lecture, book, website, video and/or other PR materials.
- Craft a thank you letter to the donors, John and Barbara Gillette. The Gillette’s generous gift has made this and future Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Scholarship trips possible, so it is crucial that we present the Myers School of Art in the best possible light. Your thank-you letter must be a thoughtful, personal expression of your gratitude and what you hope to gain from the travel experience. Your thank-you letter must be emailed or given to Ms. Katie Timperio within two weeks of receiving your scholarship notification. All letters will be reviewed for content and tone by Katie Timperio and Dr. Elisha Dumser before being forwarded to the donors.
- Recipients of all scholarships and grants administered by the Myers School of Art are expected to give back to the school by participating in school-sponsored events. Events can include high school visits, Portfolio Review Days, speaking to an Arts Orientation class about your award, and other events where a student’s voice and perspective are valued. Your participation will be coordinated by the Manager of Student Affairs, and by accepting this scholarship you agree to serve in at least three such events over the next two semesters.

Questions?
Any questions about the Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Scholarship guidelines or application process should be directed to the Chair of the Scholarships and Grants Committee, Dr. Elisha Dumser (edumser@uakron.edu).

Questions concerning the travel experience should be directed to Prof. Tony Samangy (samangy@uakron.edu) and Prof. Markus Vogl (mvv@uakron.edu), faculty leaders of the 2016 Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Program.
Gillette Scholarship Rubric

**Purpose**: This rubric is intended as a tool to facilitate discussion among committee members during the review of applications. Not all criteria are of equal value, but all will be considered to some degree during the application review process. The numerical component of this rubric should not be overvalued in the application review process.

Student Name: _____________________________  Evaluator: _______________________

**Step one: Determine Eligibility**

Fulfills academic criteria?  Yes / No

Application is complete?  Yes / No

**Step two: Evaluate Merit**

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Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Scholarship
COVER SHEET
Spring 2016

Instructions: Please complete this form by typing the required information or checking the boxes, and include a printed copy in each application packet.

STUDENT NAME:

STUDENT ID#:

HOME MAILING ADDRESS:

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER:

UA EMAIL ADDRESS:

MAJOR:

MINOR (if any):

Status as determined by earned credit hours: ☐ Senior ☐ Junior

Cumulative GPA (all UA courses):

Myers School of Art GPA (all 7100 courses):

Total earned credits in the Myers School of Art (7100 courses through FA 15):

Number of 7100 credits in current semester (SP 16):

Have you previously received an award or grant through the Myers School of Art: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list all grants, dates awarded, and their status (complete or in-progress):

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Authorization for the Release of Information: By signing this form, you grant the Myers School of Art permission to consult with offices and units on campus as needed to administer this scholarship, including the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards and the Office of Student Financial Aid.
The University of Akron Foundation or Akron Community Foundation
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A 1963 graduate of The University of Akron College of Business Administration with a M.B.A from Indiana University, Mr. John C. Gillette is the retired president of Gasko Fabricated Products, a manufacturer of related products for small engines and automobiles. Mrs. Barbara Hixson Gillette earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1986. She is a highly-regarded Ohio artist who creates pastels and mono-prints of landscapes and cityscapes. The Gillettes are the parents of three grown children, one of whom enjoys an international career that was propelled-forward by study abroad experiences as a student, and four grandchildren.

As University of Akron alumni and strong patrons of the arts, John and Barbara Gillette’s decision to support their alma mater was predicated on encouraging artistic and academic excellence, as well as elevating the reputation and competitiveness of the Myers School of Art nationally. As such, Mr. and Mrs. Gillette have chosen to support The University of Akron’s Mary Schiller Myers School of Art students on two fronts.

The John and Barbara Gillette Academic Scholarship recognizes artistic talent and theoretical knowledge, as well as assisting students in overcoming financial barriers to achieving their academic career goals. The John and Barbara Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Scholarship program immerses students in a new culture and provides them with an historical, intellectual and technical enrichment opportunity designed to gain a competitive edge in meeting their artistic career goals. The John and Barbara Gillette Study of the Arts Abroad Scholarship and the John and Barbara Gillette Academic Scholarship will forever change the lives of the students who earn the honor of an academic and/or study abroad scholarship.

The John and Barbara Gillette Academic Scholarship will be awarded each academic year to one sophomore, one junior and one senior-level student in the Myers School of Art who have declared an Art major, are enrolled as full-time students and are taking coursework in art studio and/or art history. The student’s level will be determined by their progress through the Myers School of Art curriculum, not the total number of university credits earned. Qualified students will also meet a pre-determined artistic skill level and/or academic merit.

In this regard, exceptional artistic and academic accomplishment, as identified by the faculty of the Myers School of Art through a competitive process, is required. Final selection of the Gillette Academic Scholarship recipients is conducted by the Myers School of Art Scholarship and Grants Committee, authorized by the director of the Mary Schiller Myers School of Art and confirmed by The University of Akron Office of Student Financial Aid. In case of a tie, the student with greater demonstrated financial need will be selected. The John and Barbara Gillette Academic Scholarship per student is $5,000 and may be used for tuition, fees and books. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship in successive years. In awarding the John and Barbara Gillette Academic Scholarship, the Mary Schiller Myers School of Art will work in conjunction with the Akron Community Foundation or The University of Akron Foundation.
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Generous philanthropists, Mr. and Mrs. Gillette also support the *Barbara and John C. Gillette Endowment for Art* at The University of Akron, E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall, the College of Business Administration and the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, which includes the former College of Fine and Applied Arts. In addition to The University of Akron, the Gillette’s are involved with the Medina Land Preservation Society. In recognition of their giving, past and present to The University of Akron, Mr. and Mrs. Gillette are members of the Patron’s Club and the Society for Tomorrow.