Art & Civic Engagement Award at UMass Dartmouth was established in 2018 to acknowledge those students who contribute to the urban environments and communities of Fall River and New Bedford through their art projects.

The award was initiated by Professor Pamela Karimi of the College of Visual and Performing Arts in conjunction with the Leduc Center for Civic Engagement at UMass Dartmouth. All students who are enrolled in a CVPA Service-Learning course or other CVPA classes with socially-engaged components with an overall GPA of 3.00 or higher are eligible to apply.

For 2024, one student awardee will receive $500 for an art project developed as part of their coursework during the academic year. For previous awardees, see: https://www.umassd.edu/cvpa/features/heatherkelly.html

Eligibility for the Award

1. Any full time undergraduate or graduate UMassD student, who is enrolled at UMass Dartmouth during AY 2023-2024, is eligible to apply for Art & Civic Engagement Award. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply for the award. However, their art projects for this particular award must be developed in a Service-Learning class or other courses with socially-engaged components in CVPA.
2. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and have completed at least one full-time semester at UMass Dartmouth prior to the application deadline. Applicants may apply at any point in their academic career.
3. Applicants must demonstrate a current interest in socially-engaged art.
4. No individual may receive more than one Art & Civic Engagement Award.

Applicants Must Provide:

1. A completed Art & Civic Engagement Form (see below).
2. A typed statement of no more than 1000 words composed of two parts: a) explaining the student’s interest in socially-engaged art; b) describing the specific art project submitted for the award.
3. Up to 10 visual documents (YouTube video link, high-quality photographs, drawings and digital representations), capturing the project in its preliminary stages as well as its final form. Photographs must be submitted as JPG files (600 dpi). Links to YouTube videos, Drawings and digital documents may all appear in one Pdf file.
4. A current resume that includes the applicant’s art experience and extracurricular activities.
5. A letter of support from the faculty sponsor, explaining the importance of the work.

Selection Criteria:

1. Creativity, scholarly merit, and originality;
2. Quality of the final art project, impact on community, and research;
3. Impact on the student’s future career.

Review Committee:

The review committee for this award is composed of a group of CVPA faculty, chaired by Dr. Matthew Roy.

Fiscal Agent:

The fiscal agent for this award is the Leduc Center for Civic Engagement.
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH
ART AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

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Name _____________________________________________________________________________

Expected Year of Graduation ____________ Major _____________________________ Current GPA ____________

Home Address _______________________________ City ______________________ State_________ Zip__________

Local Address _______________________________ City ______________________ State_________ Zip__________

Local Phone (_____)________________________ E-mail__________________________________________________

ATTACHMENTS to this application:
• A typed statement explaining your views on socially-engaged art and the project developed for this award.
• Up to 10 visual documents, capturing the project in its preliminary and final stages.
• A current resume that includes your art experience and extracurricular activities
• A letter of support from your faculty sponsor, explaining the importance of the work.

Signed__________________________________________ Date: ______________________

FACULTY SPONSOR

Signed__________________________________________ Date: ______________________

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION to leduccenter@umassd.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR AY 2023-2024: 5 pm, March 29, 2024.