

# Ox-Bow Summer Fellowship Award

**WEBSITE:** [www.ox-bow.org/fellowship-program-1/](http://www.ox-bow.org/fellowship-program-1/)

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**RISD Application Due: Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 12:00 NOON**

RISD Application opens: November

RISD Awardee is notified: February

## DESCRIPTION

**RISD is guaranteed one of the 12 spots for this Summer Fellowship. The Fellow will be determined through a RISD application process outlined in this document.**

The Ox-Bow Summer Fellowship is a fully-funded program in which 12 students from competitive art schools across the country have the opportunity to focus on their work, meet with renowned artists, and grow as a member of their unique, artist-run community. These students live on campus for 13 weeks, from late May through late August, where they participate in campus life as both staff members and as artists. If the accepted RISD Fellow is graduating in June, they will still be required to attend a couple days of orientation a week prior to graduation from RISD. Ox-Bow will assist with travel costs for this orientation.

During the 13 weeks, Fellows delve deep into their studio work, with time to experiment and cultivate new ideas through ongoing dialogues with visiting artists, faculty, and artists-in-residence. Fellows engage in conversations and form relationships that are vital to their growth as an artist.

Fellows are paid a stipend for their time and receive studio space, housing, and meals. Fellows have access to visiting artists for critiques, an opportunity to exhibit their work, and an opportunity to audit one two-week course or two one-week courses. By working closely with the artists on staff, Fellows develop relationships with others who have also made artmaking their lives. This is an immersive and rigorous once-in-a-lifetime experience for undergraduate and graduate students.

### **Fellowship Student Responsibilities:**

- Participate in campus life as staff. Fellows:
  - work alongside staff for 20 hours per week and are assigned to housekeeping, maintenance, kitchen, or office work.
  - will train and oversee the work-scholarship students.
  - are part of the summer staff and are expected to follow all codes of conduct and represent Ox-Bow in a positive manner.
- Commitment to Artistic Practice. Fellows:
  - should spend no less than 20 hours a week in their studios.
  - should seek out as many one-on-one critiques as possible with the faculty, visiting artists, and peers.
  - are encouraged to share their work through slide lectures, open studios, and exhibitions.
- Be an active community member. Fellows:
  - are encouraged to go to at least 15 slide lectures over the course of the summer.
  - participate in fellow events.
  - engage with students, faculty, and artists-in-residence.

Ox-Bow is located in Saugatuck, Michigan nestled on the shores of Lake Michigan and the Kalamazoo River and is defined by steep, rolling dunes to the west and lush orchard country and farmland to the east. The area's many historical buildings, fine art galleries, and famous chain ferry, together with the art of recreation, the art of learning, and the art of nature are all aspects of the area's history.

In addition to the guaranteed RISD Summer Fellowship, Ox-Bow also has two additional open positions. RISD students are welcome to apply directly to Ox-Bow by February 26th for these two open positions. Details on that process are at:

<http://www.ox-bow.org/fellowship-program-1/>

## ELIGIBILITY

- Currently enrolled Juniors, Seniors, Fifth Years, and Graduate Students may apply.
- If the accepted RISD Fellow is graduating in June, they will still be required to attend a couple days of orientation a week prior to graduation from RISD. Ox-Bow will assist with travel costs for this orientation.
- Fellows must be at least 21 years of age by the start of the summer program.
- Students from any discipline may apply.
- Community engagement and involvement is essential. Fellows are expected to be active community members, and attend lectures and group activities.
- International students are welcome to apply, however they must be eligible to work in the U.S. as they will be employed by Ox-Bow.

## APPLICATION PROCESS & COMPONENTS

- Students must fill out and submit the RISD Application online by the internal deadline. The link to the online application can be found at <http://www.risdcareers.com/grants/risd-managed-awards/>. The application components are:
  - APPLICANT PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION
    - Contact information for 1 RECOMMENDER who can speak to the nature of your work and your ability to collaborate and be part of a community. (Contact information only. A letter is not required.)
    - RESPONSES to the following In 1 PDF. Please include the question text as headers before your responses, and use 1 inch margins, Times New Roman 12-point font, and single spaced rows:
      - ESSAY 1) Describe your work and what you hope to accomplish while at Ox-Bow. (300 word max)
      - ESSAY 2) Why are you specifically interested in 13 weeks at Ox-Bow and how will this experience impact your growth artistically, professionally, and/or personally? (300 word max)
      - ESSAY 3) What would make you a good community member? Share your experience(s) of working in a group setting. (300 word max)
      - ESSAY 3) What is your relationship to work, particularly physical and administrative labor? Please speak to your work ethic and experience, referencing the specific positions (supervisory and working with others) you may have had (paid, internship, or at home). (300 word max)
      - ESSAY 4) How would you describe your identity as a social person, including details on your communication style? How do you set boundaries and manage your time? Please include specific examples related to your work and school experience. (300 word max)
    - RESUME. Include your most recent employment, community involvement, volunteer service, exhibitions, awards, achievements, and other accomplishments.
    - Unofficial TRANSCRIPT. Go to your RISD Student Planning account and download an “Unofficial” transcript. Upload this PDF into your application. Make sure the PDF is legible. Your submitted transcript should include the courses you are currently registered for this Winter session.
    - Numbered IMAGE LIST / VIDEO DESCRIPTION to include: title, materials, dimensions, year, and optional narrative description. (1 page PDF max)
    - YOUR WORK: 6 images and/or 5 minutes of video. The images should be approximately 900 X 1200 pixels and must be jpg file format. Video is submitted by including a link to your video on your website, vimeo, etc.
- A RISD Selection Committee selects and notifies the awarded applicant by mid-February.
- The RISD awardee is required to upload their portfolio to Ox-Bow through an online portal by 3/5/2019. This is NOT an additional screening but rather a way for Ox-Bow to better understand the Fellows joining them in the summer.

*TIPS FOR APPLICANTS:*

- **Each attachment can be up to 3MB, however, please note that the TOTAL upload cannot be over 25MB.**
- **Avoid submitting at the last minute. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**
- Review the guidelines and required materials carefully before you begin the application.
- Follow all directions carefully.
- Prepare your application in advance in a word document and check your spelling. **The application form will not save your answers once you leave the page.**
- Documents/Responses within a PDF should be in the same order as listed in the guidelines. Please include the question text as headers before your responses, and use 1 inch margins, Times New Roman 12-point font, and single spaced rows.
- Attachments should be named in the following way: FirstnameLastname.Documenttype. So Jane Smith would name her files JaneSmith.Response, JaneSmith.Transcript, etc.
- Image file titles should include the number followed by a parenthesis to ensure they sort in the order you intend. So 1)JaneSmith.ImageTitle, 2)JaneSmith.ImageTitle, etc.
- After you submit you will see a submission screen and receive an email confirming a successful submission.

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