

Art and Art History Ben Portis Memorial Award

1 Award @ \$3,222.00

Ben Portis was a well-respected contemporary art critic with a reputation for championing new and emerging artists. Ben died suddenly in a car accident in 2017. A graduate of Queen's University, Ben also held graduate degrees from the University of Chicago and Bard College. He has a passion for the visual arts, music, and dance, serving as a curator at the Art Gallery of Ontario and the MacLaren Art Centre in Barrie, as well as for numerous galleries and museums throughout Canada.

Ben's family established a fund in his honour to help graduates travel and experience art firsthand. Travel will take place in the year after graduation. Applicants must be graduating students.

Travel activities might include research, artistic collaboration, an internship, an artist residency, having an exhibition, or visiting a biennial, film, or video festival. If you are doing something to which you must apply and be accepted — such as a residency, internship, or exhibition — you should submit a contingency plan with your application in case your application is not accepted. Your application will be assessed on the connection you make between your travel plans and the direction of your art practice.

Within two years of the completion of the award, the recipient is required to present an illustrated lunch-hour talk in the Annie Smith Centre on the travel experience and artwork made/viewed.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Enrolled full-time either in the Major Program or Specialist Program of Art & Art History and graduating in April or August 2022. **Please note:** Art & Art History is a joint Honours program between Sheridan College & University of Toronto Mississauga
- Student must demonstrate financial need (through anticipated travel expenses)
- Students must be in good academic standing

Application Deadline:

Submit completed online application: See below for link and application instructions.

Open – December 14, 2021 & Closed – March 4, 2022

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- A 500-word proposal that sets out a travel and activity plan that supports the direction of your artwork.
 - Include a contingency plan in case a residency application or internship falls through
 - A 500-word artist statement
 - A list of images, video, and sound files that you are submitting. Digital image files must be numbered and titled, and correspond to the support material list (e.g. 01.title.jpg). For each artwork on the list, include date, title, medium and dimensions (height x width, specify in. or cm)
 - Please provide a list of anticipated travel expenses: i.e. air fare, accommodation, health insurance, shipping charges for artwork etc.
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- Ten (10) digital images of your work, jpeg format, maximum 1024 x 768 pixels, posted to Flickr. Please provide link:
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- Students working in installation, video, audio, performance, or electronic media may submit up to five (5) minutes of a combination of sound or video files instead of, or in addition to, their digital still images. Submit audio or video files to either Vimeo or YouTube. Please provide link:
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Sheridan's Awards Office has launched an "Online Awards Application" for students to apply for scholarships and bursaries

Please log into:

- 1. Access Sheridan**
- 2. My Student Centre**
- 3. Finances>other financial...**
- 4. Online Award Application>>GO**

You will be required to login with your *Sheridan Student ID and password. Please fill out the **"General Application"** and choose **Trafalgar** as your campus when filling out the application.

You will be able to choose the Ben Portis Memorial Award from the **Opportunities tab** listed at the top left-hand corner of the screen **after** you have completed and submitted your general online application.

All the supporting documentation can be either completed or uploaded to the system.

***If you do not know your Sheridan ID, please call Sheridan's Post-Secondary Contact Centre at (905) 845-9430 option #4. Please specify that you were or are currently enrolled in the joint Art & Art History Program with UTM.**

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact the Awards Office by email: student.awards@sheridancollege.ca