Visual Arts Research Grant

Serendipity Arts Foundation’s Grant for Visual Arts Research, aims to create a sustainable knowledge network to promote inquiry into contemporary art in South Asia. The grant seeks specifically to support research initiatives by individual researchers that will contribute to the discourse around Visual Arts in South Asia in the 21st Century. Through it SAF seeks specifically to engage with projects initiated outside of institutional research centers.

In an attempt to engage with a range of ideas under the broader umbrella of contemporary art the subject focus of the award will be altered each year. This year the grant will be offered to one researcher focusing specifically lesser known archives. Applicants are required to propose a research plan they would like to carry out in the course of a year in India or abroad. The SAF Visual Arts Research Grant would cover travel tickets (economy class), accommodation, living expenses, funds for buying materials, books and relevant literature all amounting to maximum of INR 1,00,000/-. 

Note: Due to restrictions in travel and local movement, applications are open to proposals drawn around remote research where travelling is restricted due to the government restrictions incurred by the spread of COVID-19. We encourage applications with proposals which minimize long distance travel and physical interaction with multiple individuals.

The criteria for awarding the grant would be based on the completion of the applicants form and other details, adhering to the guidelines and eligibility criteria mentioned below:

- The applicant must be between the age of 20 – 40 years of age, of Indian nationality, residing presently and the past year in India.
- The applicant must be unaffiliated with an institution but with clearly demonstrable research experience.
- The Research could be a fresh project or an ongoing research project

Application:

- The applicant must submit a project proposal, describing the project while giving set timelines and a budget
- A short literature review along with Research methodology to be submitted , along with a Bio & CV
- A clear description of the desired outcome of the research to be submitted (not more than 1000 words)
- A short outline of the resources i.e. libraries, institutions, experts the applicant will engage within the course of his/her research shall be submitted. The timeline should give an outline of the course this project is likely to take.
- A budget plan must be submitted along with the application form required to mark out how the grant will be used over the stated timeline of the project

Application Deadline: 29th of JUNE, 2020

Deliverables:

- As an outcome the candidate will be required to present the research as a part of a public program at Serendipity Arts Foundation, New Delhi
Copies of materials collected by the selected candidates (books, copies, instruments etc.) could be contributed to SAF’s library for wider use by future scholars.

**Terms and Conditions:**

- The grant must be utilized within 1 year of the date of award.
- Elements of the research, whenever used, need to include a statement regarding the support received from Serendipity Arts Foundation Visual Art Research Grant.
- After the selection by the jury, the grantee shall sign a contract with Serendipity Arts Foundation to complete the selection process.
- Serendipity Arts Foundation will pay out the grant within a month from the day where you receive notice of the grant award. Candidate must furnish vouchers/evidence for major expenses like lodging, library fees, buying books, etc. no later than three months after the completion of the period of the grant.

The candidates would be selected based on a two-tier selection process. The first round on shortlisting would be based on the application and the second round would involve personal interviews of the shortlisted candidates, to be held within 2 months of submission in New Delhi.