

**Department of Art Conservation Emergency Grant Program
for Graduate Students in the
Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation or the Preservation Studies Program**

The Department of Art Conservation is committed to supporting the financial, educational, and emotional needs of our graduate students.

Our Student Emergency Fund established August 15, 2021 supports graduate students who demonstrate exceptional financial need due to an unanticipated crisis or unforeseen educational barriers. Situations are considered on a case-by-case basis and may include food or home insecurity, unanticipated travel costs, out-of-pocket medical costs, or replacement of personal belongings due to accidental damage, natural disasters, or theft.

This fund will provide up to \$750 per academic year, generally provided as a one-time award. Amounts awarded are subject to availability and the applicant may not receive the total amount requested.

Students should submit to the Department Chair a statement clearly outlining the need, including a list of expenses to be covered by the award. Students should confirm that they have also pursued emergency funding, where eligible, that may be available through the UD Graduate College. See <https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/grad/current-students/academic-support/emergencysupport/>

These awards will be confidential; however, staff from the department and other staff within the UD will need to process the paperwork.

FAQs

Are there restrictions on how students can use the grant?

Recipients are expected to use the cash grants to address financial challenges cited in their application.

How are grants disbursed to students?

Requests that may be charged to a credit card can be handled in advance, other charges will be processed via reimbursement as cash payment through direct deposit.

Will students have to pay back the grant?

No. This is a grant, not a loan.

Who is eligible?

Degree-seeking students enrolled in the Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation or the Preservation Studies Doctoral Program. Students must be registered to qualify.

Deadline?

These grants will be awarded on an as-needed basis. Allow one week for review.

Questions?

Please contact Debra Hess Norris, Chair Department of Art Conservation at dhnorris@udel.edu or Susan Behrens at behrens@udel.edu.