

**Regents' Outstanding Arts & Humanities Award
Recognition of the Visual Arts**

The University of Texas System Board of Regents has developed awards to recognize outstanding students and student groups in the arts & humanities. For 2015-16, The UT System Board of Regents will recognize students in the visual arts. There will be awards made in two categories: Two Dimensional Artwork and Three Dimensional Artwork. One winner will be named in each category. A \$1,500 monetary award will be made in the winners' names to the department of their choice.

Timeline:

February 15, 2016	Nominations are due to the Office of Academic Affairs. Review of nominations by an independent panel will begin.
April 1, 2016	Award recipients are announced
May 2016	Award recipients are invited to attend a Board of Regents meeting

Eligibility: The awards are open to full-time undergraduate students studying at a UT institution.

General Criteria:

- Evidence of academic excellence.
- Commitment to the arts through participation in university and community activities.

Specific Evaluation Criteria: Evaluations will be based on the following elements:

- *Originality:* The artwork displays a distinctive style and/or is highly imaginative.
- *Use of media:* The artwork demonstrates a strong mastery of the chosen media to clearly communicate the artist's ideas and experiences.
- *Artistic composition:* The artwork clearly shows different visual structures and functions of art used to communicate ideas and illicit strong responses from the viewer.

Nomination materials:

- An application form.
- Artwork images. Candidates are required to submit a maximum of 10 photos of their work. Images should include no less than five different artworks. All images must be embedded in a single file (.pdf) and include a brief description (200 words or less). List the title of each piece, how and when it was made, and its dimensions.

Please submit all nomination materials for all candidates from a single institution on a USB drive to:

The University of Texas System
Office of Academic Affairs
Attn: Dr. Wanda Mercer
601 Colorado St.
Austin, TX 78701

Nomination process: Each campus president will recommend up to six students (three 2-D artists and three 3-D artists) for award consideration. The president will determine the internal screening and selection process, including whether the nomination process begins at the department level, the college level, or an alternative access point.

Miscellaneous:

- Photographs and other correspondence submitted for consideration will become the property of The University of Texas System, and will not be returned.
- The finalists may be required to sign permission documents to allow UT System to display selected artwork on a limited basis.

Selection Process: The Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) will administer the program on behalf of the UT System Board of Regents. The awards will be determined by a selection committee appointed by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. OAA staff will review all recommendations and will forward those candidates meeting the specified criteria to the selection committee for consideration. The selection committee will be comprised of experts in the visual arts, recruited from outside the UT System.

Rewards/Recognition:

- Recognized as a winner of the 2016 Regents' Outstanding Arts and Humanities Award in Visual Arts.
- A \$1,500 monetary award in the winner's name to the department listed on the application. The designated program or department which receives the monetary prize may award the money to the student winner or other student projects, or use the proceeds at the department's discretion.
- Award winners may be asked to display their work at a Board of Regents' meeting, dinner or other gatherings during the year.
- Award winners may have the opportunity to showcase work in a larger venue.