

Art History Invites Applications for the 2022 Art History Travel Prizes

The winners will be announced end of February.

Courtyard of the Museum of Louvre, and its pyramid, 2007, Benh Lieu Song. Wikimedia Commons.

We invite applications from current Junior Art History majors for our departmental travel awards. Each prize (\$2,000) is designed to offset travel costs in order to enable students to experience firsthand works of art. Preference will be given to those who have not had the opportunity for extensive travel. One award is granted for travel in Europe, the other may be applied to travel elsewhere.

The winners will be mentored by a faculty advisor in Spring 2022, and will offer brief presentations on the experience in selected sections of Introduction to Art History in Fall 2022, as well as a presentation to the department in Spring 2023.

Please submit your application by email to Angela Michalski (michalski@fordham.edu) with the subject heading TRAVEL PRIZE by Monday, February 7, 2022.

Application Instructions

You can apply to undertake a project independently, or as part of the summer abroad classes the department offers in London or Rome. The stipend may be used to pay for room, board, transport, and tuition, as long as your proposal makes it clear how these expenses will help your project. Your application essay should be about 500–800 words, and cover the following topics:

1. Proposed travel and rationale: Where do you plan to go and what do you hope to see and find out?
2. Relationship to your studies: How does this project relate to your coursework at Fordham, and in particular in art history, so far? Does it connect to your plans for after Fordham?
Contribution to the intro: How might a class presentation on your topic benefit the students in the Introduction to Art History survey courses?
3. Provisional itinerary and schedule: Please list the specific sites and museum collections you intend to visit. If you need guidance on how to find out which art works and monuments are in a city, please reach out to an art history professor. We would be delighted to help out. The planned itinerary should detail the scope of your trip (length and timing).
4. Budget—how much will it cost? Please provide an estimate of your costs broken down into: accommodation, travel (airfare, other transportation), meals, etc..

What makes a good application? You do not need to know all the answers! A good application lists a manageable number of artworks that have prompted you toward some interesting thoughts or questions. For most students, these will be artworks mentioned in an art history class that sparked you to find out more.

A sample application is available from the department office on request.