

Master of Fine Arts

Thank you for your interest in the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Master of Fine Arts program.

The degree requires a studio emphasis that is offered in any of the following areas: ceramics, drawing, graphic design, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture or a combination of two of these areas. The department also has facilities in papermaking and book arts.

Sixty credits are required for graduation, including a minimum of twenty-six hours in the student's major area, nine hours of art history, sixteen hours of studio electives and nine hours of general electives. Students normally spend three years earning the degree but students without assistantships may complete the program in two years. Full time enrollment is required.

Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree and substantial previous study in studio art. The faculty also recommends at least 15 undergraduate credits in art history and an undergraduate GPA of at least 2.5. Applicants whose native language is not English must meet a minimum TOEFL score of 550 paper, 213 computer, or 79 internet.

How to Apply

To apply to the program, it is necessary to send certain materials to the Department of Art and Art History and other specific materials to the Office of Graduate Studies. Applicants are considered for admission in the fall of the calendar year that they apply. There is no admission for spring or summer session.

Art Department Application Materials:

1. Complete the supplemental application online at :
<http://www.unl.edu/art/MFAsupplementalapp.shtml>
2. Portfolio: Creative work must be presented in the form of a portfolio consisting of 20 images, submitted on a CD. Please use only .jpg files (1 to 2 Mb). Number images "01 (Title)", "02 (Title)", "03 (Title)" etc. Images may also be submitted in a single Powerpoint or .pdf document. Applicants in photography may send a portfolio of no more than 20 original photographs. Applicants in graphic design may provide a website address in addition to the 20 images. Applicants in sculpture may include no more than seven detail views of sculpture. Images will not be returned.
3. Three letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your recent work.
4. A statement that describes the applicant's goals in entering the program and the applicant's objectives in the portfolio submitted.
5. A list of slides that corresponds to the portfolio, listing media, sizes and dates of completion.

Note: Application materials are reorganized by office staff prior to review. Presentation materials such as folders and binders are discarded.

Important Information:

Please contact us if you have questions about the MFA program or application process:

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www.unl.edu/art

Office of Graduate Studies
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Phone: (402) 472-2875 or (800) 742-8800

The University's application form is available online at: <http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/>

Graduate Studies Application Materials

1. A completed and signed application (found in the Graduate Admissions Guide, or on-line at <http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/>)
2. \$45 non-refundable application processing fee.
3. Two sets of official transcripts from every college and university attended.
4. For international students: verification of English proficiency (if your native language is not English) and financial resource information (for international F or J visa holders).

Deadlines

Graduate Studies application materials must be received by **January 1** at the following address:

Office of Graduate Studies
1100 Seaton Hall
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln, NE 68588-0619

Department of Art & Art History application materials must be received by **February 1** at the following address:

Department of Art & Art History
120 Richards Hall
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln, NE 68588-0114

Applications are for fall admission only.

Financial Assistance

Graduate students newly admitted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are eligible for a number of fellowships. All of these fellowships are awarded either by or through the academic departments. (There are no separate fellowship forms for new students to complete.) Not every fellowship is available every year.

Othmer Fellowships

Othmer Fellowships are intended to assist in recruiting exceptional scholars who are seeking a terminal degree (i.e., Ph.D., Ed.D., D.M.A., M.F.A.). Othmer Fellows will receive, in addition to the departmental assistantship, a \$7,500 fellowship per year. Othmer Fellowships are renewable for up to three years, given continued excellent progress toward the degree. All graduate applicants newly admitted to a doctoral or MFA degree program are eligible for an Othmer Fellowship. To qualify, the department is expected to offer an assistantship stipend equal to the highest amount offered by the department to first-year students. The assistantship must be renewable for up to three years.

- Newly admitted doctoral or MFA student.
- Minimum GPA of 3.5 in previous degree.
- Excellent letters of recommendation.
- Student must be offered a department assistantship with a stipend equitable to those held by students not on the fellowship.

Larson Fellowships

Richard H. Larson Fellowships are designed to assist departments with the recruitment of superior graduate students who enhance the diversity of the graduate population in the department and university. Each student should be individually evaluated as to whether she or he satisfies the

listed qualifications for the fellowship. This evaluation should include consideration of whether the student will enhance diversity, including racial and ethnic diversity, that is important to the department and UNL. Larson Fellows will receive, in addition to the departmental assistantship, a \$3,500 fellowship per year. Larson Fellowships are automatically renewable for a second year, given excellent progress toward the degree. Larson Fellowships may be offered in combination with other recruiting fellowships (e.g., Othmer or Chancellor's) where applicable.

The student's unique life experiences or educational background add an important aspect of diversity to the department or university.

- Newly admitted full time domestic doctoral or masters student
- Excellent academic record.
- Excellent letters of recommendation.
- Student must be a U. S. citizen.
- Student must be offered a full department assistantship with a stipend equitable to those held by students not on the fellowship.

Regents Tuition Fellowship

The Regents Tuition Fellowship may be offered to any full time graduate student who is a United States citizen. These students must be new to UNL.

- Newly admitted full time domestic doctoral or masters student
- Minimum 3.0 GPA in previous degree.
- Excellent letters of recommendation.
- Student must be a U.S. citizen.
- May be used in the fall and spring semesters of the first year only for up to 12 credit hours of graduate tuition per semester (24 credit hours total).
- Covers only the resident portion of tuition.

Edgren Tuition Fellowship

The Edgren Tuition Fellowship is available to U.S. citizens who are full-time students and non-residents for tuition purposes. Students retain the fellowship until graduation if continuously enrolled. Conditions for eligibility include:

- Newly admitted full time domestic doctoral or masters student.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA in previous degree.
- Excellent letters of recommendation.
- Student must be a U. S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Students who receive the fellowship pay tuition at 150% of the resident tuition rate until graduation if continuously enrolled at UNL.
- Covers up to 12 credit hours during the fall and spring semester and 6 credit hours during the summer session.

Centennial Fellowships

Centennial Fellowships are designed to assist departments with the recruitment of outstanding graduate students by adding fellowship funds to an assistantship and by providing maximum recruitment flexibility when assistantship funding is unavailable at the time the student is admitted. Centennial Fellows will receive, in addition to any departmental assistantship or tuition fellowship, a \$1,500 fellowship for one year.

- Newly admitted full time doctoral or masters student.
- Excellent academic record.
- Excellent letters of recommendation.

