

## CAA Professional Development Fellowship Program 2008 MFA Application Form

### About the Program

The College Art Association's Professional Development Fellowship Program, which began in 1993, supports graduate-level students in visual art and art history from socially and economically diverse backgrounds who may have been underrepresented in their field. By offering financial assistance to promising MFA students, CAA hopes to facilitate the transition between their graduate studies and professional careers.

Each fellow receives a one-time award of \$15,000.

### Are You Eligible?

CAA encourages applications from all MFA students from socially and economically diverse backgrounds who:

- Are citizens or permanent residents of the United States
- Will receive their MFA degree in the 2009 calendar year
- Demonstrate financial need
- May have been underrepresented in their field due to race, religion, gender, age, class, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or financial status
- Have outstanding capabilities and experience and demonstrate distinction in approach, technique, or perspective in their contribution to the discipline of visual art

### About CAA

As the foremost professional organization for artists, art historians, curators, and arts administrators, CAA serves a membership of 13,000 individuals and 2,000 institutions in the United States and internationally. CAA's Annual Conference and scholarly publications facilitate the exchange of ideas and opportunities; its job-placement and mentoring services help members to establish and further their careers. Since its founding in 1911, CAA has also been an ardent, effective advocate on behalf of the arts and humanities.

In all areas of employment, education, exhibitions, publications, and programs, CAA actively encourages the inclusion of individuals representing diversity of race, religion, gender, age, class, national origin, sexual orientation, and disability, and discourages discrimination based on the same.

### How to Apply

Application forms and directions can be downloaded from [www.collegeart.org/fellowships](http://www.collegeart.org/fellowships). To request applications by mail, please contact Michael Fahlund, CAA deputy director, at 212-691-1051, ext. 201, or [mfahlund@collegeart.org](mailto:mfahlund@collegeart.org); or send an SASE to: College Art Association, Professional Development Fellowship Program (MFA), 275 Seventh Ave., 18th Floor, New York, NY 10001.

**New for 2008: Please note that portions of the 2008 application (as indicated on this application form) must now be submitted on CD and, if applicable, DVD.**

Application material should be mailed to the above address and **must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, October 1, 2008**. Applications are reviewed by a jury of artists, curators, and other visual-art professionals. Award notifications are mailed by January 2009.

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**Contact Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate Education**

School \_\_\_\_\_

Program or Department \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Indicate your anticipated graduation date:**

- Spring 2009
- Summer 2009
- Fall 2009

**2. Please include the following on CD ONLY (NOT HARD COPY):**

- Essay: All applicants must submit a personal statement of no more than five standard, double-spaced pages and a font size no smaller than 12 point. All questions must be answered in narrative form. Essays that do not follow these specifications are disqualified from review. Please respond to the following points:
  - Discuss your educational background and current work
  - The purpose of the fellowship is to strengthen and diversify the field of visual art. Discuss your eligibility, relating how your scholarship and personal history can make a positive contribution to the profession
  - Outline your career goals, including how this fellowship's emphasis on professional development fits into your future plans
  - Discuss your current financial situation and how the fellowship will benefit you
- Your current résumé
- A description of your MFA exhibition and completion timetable

**3. Please include the following on CD OR DVD ONLY:**

- Visual documentation of recent work (a maximum of six images). Total DVD running time should not exceed 10 minutes. CDs and DVDs should be clearly labeled, formatted for PC and Macintosh computers, and checked for functionality before mailing
- A slide or video script limited to one page in length. Match your script to correspond with the number or title of each work; provide details in the following order: your name, title of work, date,

medium, and size (height x width x depth, if applicable); for DVDs please also include proper credits and information on source documents, if applicable

**4. Please include the following in HARD COPY:**

- A completed 2008 MFA Application Form
- Three letters of recommendation from faculty members or employers, including one from your academic adviser (These letters should be included in your packet and not mailed separately.)
- One copy of your most recent Free Application for Student Federal Aid (FAFSA) form or 2007 Internal Revenue Service income-tax return
- An official copy of your current graduate transcript
- An SASE for the return of CD or DVD, if preferred

**Please mail this completed form, the CD or DVD, and the hard-copy materials (in #4 above) to:**

College Art Association  
Professional Development Fellowship Program (MFA)  
275 Seventh Avenue, 18th Floor  
New York, NY 10001

**Please do not include additional materials.**