THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

To: Distribution List

From: Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO)
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: Harpo Foundation, New Work Project Grants

Date: 12/17/21

Dear UNM Researchers,

The New Work Project Grants awards are made to non-profit organizations in support of new work by under-recognized artists 21 years or older. The Harpo Foundation was established in 2006 by artist Ed Levine to support emerging and under-recognized visual artists. Through grants and residency programs, the foundation seeks to stimulate creative inquiry and encourage new modes of making and thinking about art. The Harpo Foundation affirms the centrality of the artist in the world of art; supports artists who fall outside institutional networks; extends the experience of art and art making. Though there have been exceptions, Harpo focuses on supporting visual artists. Creative writing, dance, theater, and film all fall outside their purview. However, a proposal with an interdisciplinary approach may be considered as long as it has a strong visual art component. Harpo defines "under-recognized" by looking at an artist's resume and overall presence in the field. If the artist has already achieved a certain amount of prominence and recognition through major exhibitions, multiple notable awards or grants, or through representation by a prominent commercial gallery, they would not be considered under-recognized.

Applicants are responsible for the $15 application fee. Fees are applied to grant administration and program development. Applications apply through a 2-step process: First, a letter-of-inquiry is submitted online. Applicants who advance to step two will be invited to submit a fully proposal by June 17, 2022. Funding decisions are made by the Board of Directors, following review of applications by independent professional advisors. Awards are made of up to $10,000. The number of awards is determined each year by the annual granting budget. Project grant funds must be used for costs in direct support of new work by the proposed artist, including artist honorarium. There is no Indirect Cost reimbursement. More details can be found at https://www.harpofoundation.org/grants/new-work-project-grants/. The deadline for the LOI is April 22, 2022. The application portal will open in February 2022.

This is a limited competition; each institution is limited to one proposal. The UNM Foundation will serve as the non-profit organization for the selected applicant. Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; 11 point font) by NOON on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 via UNM's InfoReady Review portal https://unm.infoready4.com/. No late submissions will be considered. In addition, if you intend to apply for a Direct Artist Grant, UNM **cannot** submit a New Work Project Grants proposal on your behalf as well.

The pre-proposal should address the major points that will be included in the LOI for the Harpo Foundation including how you intend to apply the grant toward the production of new work; the contribution your project will make to the arts; and the format the public presentation of this new work will take. The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated CV.**

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact Corey Ford (CFord@salud.unm.edu) or Cassandra Misenar (CMisenar@salud.unm.edu) for more information.