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## COVINGTON-RHODE SENIOR PRIZE

The faculty of the UNM Department of Art are pleased to announce the new Covington-Rhode Senior Prize in Art, which will be awarded in the spring semester of 2020.

The Covington-Rhode Senior Prize in Art at The University of New Mexico recognizes outstanding achievement of our undergraduate art students during their senior year, promotes professionalism and excellence in the visual arts, and motivates and encourages all art students to achieve their fullest potential throughout their years in the program. The competition is open to graduating seniors (undergraduates) earning a degree in the Art Department who have a studio practice. The competition will give students the experience to exhibit their artwork and participate in a professional evaluation. Recipient(s) will be recognized at the College of Fine Arts Spring Convocation.

### The Award

The \$5,000 Covington-Rhode Senior Prize will be awarded to the artist or artists of superior promise and demonstrable ability.

### Eligibility

Eligibility is limited to students majoring in Art at the UNM Department of Art who will receive their undergraduate degree between the fall semester of 2019 and the spring semester of 2020. Failure to meet this requirement will disqualify any participant or award winner. Students who have entered once cannot qualify again.

### Applying for the Senior Prize

All seniors wishing to participate in the competition must email their completed application to the UNM Department of Art office, Jenifer Andrews at [jeandrews@unm.edu](mailto:jeandrews@unm.edu) **no later than 5 pm on Friday, February 28, 2020**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Students will receive a receipt of the application by email.

**The online application will be submitted by attaching 2 PDFs.**

- 1) One PDF is the application form, available on the **APPLY** link on this website. This is a writable PDF. Please download it and fill it out.
- 2) The second PDF should include the following 3 parts:
  - Your portfolio with a title page stating your name, 10 images, including title, date dimensions, and materials of the work. Please provide links to YouTube or Vimeo for video or time-based media.
  - A 100-word Artist Statement
  - One to two-page Resume

## **Selection of Student Participants & Prize winner(s)**

The UNM Art faculty will review and score the online applications and score each submission. All students will be considered equally, regardless of specialization or major. The faculty will exercise their decision based on material evidence in the application, as well as creative activity. Criteria employed in selecting nominees are creativity, craftsmanship, and potential for professional development.

The students with the most votes will move on to the next level of the selection process, which will be judged by the Covington-Rhode Prize Jury Committee. The committee will be comprised of five professors in art studio (and will rotate annually); one of the committee members teaches the Studio Art Capstone Class. Students will be notified of their status by the first week in April 2020.

The selected finalists will be notified and will be asked to make a formal presentation of their original work in a one-week exhibition for review in late April/ early May at the John Sommers Gallery. The students will draw for space and install their own portion of the exhibition. On the exhibition's opening day, the Covington-Rhode Award winner(s) will be honored in an award ceremony at the exhibition, as well as at the CFA Spring Convocation.