

MEDICI CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS, CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – Summer 2023

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Description

The Medici Circle is modeled after the artistic philanthropy and mentorship of the Medici family during the Italian Renaissance. Like its namesake, the Medici Circle provides a core of support for the artistic future of our finest artists. Medici Scholars are students who wish to participate in summer arts research opportunities that will help them further their artistic and/or scholarly goals.

What do the grants support?

- Summer projects that advance the creative work of an individual student or a student ensemble
- Research support for projects that reach beyond the classroom
- Support for students accepted for specialized summer educational opportunities
- Travel support for students accepted for participation in distinguished summer festivals and other educational opportunities
- Travel for students or student ensembles being honored at exhibitions, conferences and competitions

What is the award?

Selected Medici Scholars receive an award of up to \$2,000. This can be either a cash award or an expense reimbursement program. Recipients must be aware of University financial aid rules and the effect of receiving a cash award in addition to any other financial aid. For more information, consult Nicole Gonzales, Development Coordinator, at n.gonzales@uci.edu or 949-824-6139.

Eligibility

Students majoring in one of the programs in the Claire Trevor School of the Arts who will still be in residence through Winter Quarter 2024. Projects must be completed by **Friday, September 15, 2023**.

How are Medici Scholars selected?

Faculty mentors recommend undergraduate or graduate students who have special opportunities and professional development needs. The selection, based on merit, is made by the Medici Circle Selection Committee assembled by the Dean. Selected scholars are supervised by faculty mentors, who ensure the quality of the project.

Faculty: Please inform eligible students of this opportunity to complete a Medici Faculty/Mentor nomination via [Google form](#) by **Monday, April 3, 2023**. Please notify students that you have nominated them and coordinate their submission to the student form below.

Application Procedure for Students: Please follow the steps attached to create a short application essay. Once the essay is completed, please fill out the Medici Scholar [Google form](#) application in conjunction with your faculty mentor by **Monday, April 3, 2023**.

What Follows?

Medici Scholars, upon acceptance of the award, are expected to submit a handwritten thank you note addressed to their sponsor, a head shot, and a short 1-minute video or image of their creative work **by Tuesday, May 30, 2023**. By **Friday, September 1, 2023** Medici Scholars are required to submit a *final report* (one page) addressed to their sponsor. The report will include detailed information on the project the scholarship funded with 2-3 images or other visual documentation. A *special reception* will take place during the 2023-2024 academic year when donors, faculty mentors, and Medici Scholars can share the experiences funded by these awards.

Best of luck to everyone!