

Social Justice Public Art Project

University of Missouri
MU Student Center

Project Introduction

Request for Proposals:

The Missouri Student Unions is seeking submissions for site-specific public art installations in the new MU Student Center. Submissions should include a jpeg image of completed works and contact information.

Project Summary:

The Missouri Student Unions serve as the center for campus life by providing educational, cultural, social, and recreational and leadership programs and services that are integral to the academic experience. To further embrace this mission the Unions are looking for art that celebrates diversity at Mizzou and in general. Artwork will be displayed in the vicinity of the Social Justice units at the MU Student Center. These organizations include the Women's Center, the Multicultural Center, and the LGBTQ Resource Center. Artist themes or concepts should correspond to diversity or the aims of these organizations.

Eligibility:

Open to all artists that are current students of the University of Missouri.

Site Information:

The project site will be located in the lower level of the new MU Student Center along the corridor between the Women's Center and Multicultural Center. The workable dimensions are a maximum of 100" (H). The walls are sheetrock with metal studs. All artwork must be able to be mounted or attached to the wall.

Submission Deadline:

Submissions will be reviewed continuously.

Selection Process

1. Artists Submit:

Submissions for the Social Justice Art Project can be made online by posting a JPEG of art wished to be considered. JPEG's should be posted on the Unions Arts Council Facebook page event wall titled MU Student Center Public Art Project. Be sure to include contact information with your submission.

2. Finalists Selected

The Unions Arts Council (UAC) along with staff members of the offices from the Center for Social Justice will review and evaluate the submissions. Primary selection criteria will be artistic quality, adherence to the mission of the project, creativity expressing diversity, and innovation in design.

The number of finalists or selections is not pre-determined. Finalists will receive \$100 University Bookstore gift card for each piece of art selected. Selected art will hang in the designated area for one calendar year at which time it will be returned to the artist at their own expense.

Final Details

Physical Criteria:

- Interior work only
- Sensitive to pedestrian and Student Center facility needs – work should not hinder pedestrian movement
- Made of durable materials and easy to maintain
- Restrictions: Anything that might pose a safety hazard; that obstructs or has the potential to obstruct traffic or visibility; must be compliant with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)
- Mountable/ attached to wall

Notification of Results and Questions:

All artists will receive notification of the decision by e-mail.

For clarification or any information in this program, contact Joe Hayes, Assistant Director at 573-882-9123 or hayesjm@missouri.edu