

## Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts Dean's Circle Enrichment Funding Application Form

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School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Account to be Credited: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name, Purpose, and Description of Project:**

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**Who / What will your project benefit?**

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**Budget of Estimated Expenses/Total Requested:**

BUDGETED ITEM	COST
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
<b>Total estimated cost:</b>	<b>Total requested:</b> _____

**Attach a narrative that states how the project will enhance the educational and artistic pursuits of the college and why funding is being sought for Dean's Circle funds (as opposed to another source).**

	Signature	Date	Committed Amount
Applicant:			
Faculty Mentor (if applicable)			
School Director			
College Dean			
<b>Other Sources of Funding</b>	Describe:		

Return completed forms and attachments to Fine Arts Dean's Office.

# Dean's Circle Enrichment Funding FAQ

## What is the Dean's Circle Enrichment Fund?

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## How can I apply for Dean's Circle funding of my project?

Any OU Fine Arts faculty member or student under the guidance of a faculty mentor may apply for funding using the Dean's Circle Enrichment Funding Application Form. Each request requires signature approval of the school director. Only forms that are 100% completed, including necessary attachments and signatures will be considered for funding.

## What qualifies for Dean's Circle funding?

**A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY/PROJECT:** Experiences or projects that enhance student and/or faculty educational and artistic pursuits are considered for funding.

**BE COMPELLING, CLEAR & SPECIFIC:** A successful application must clearly illustrate the purpose and potential impact of the experience or project. **Projects that are collaborative in nature are given special consideration.**

For applications that meet the criteria, there are two scenarios in which Dean's Circle Enrichment Funding is most commonly awarded: 1) If funding has been sought elsewhere but has been unsuccessful for reasons outside of faculty/student control, the Dean's Circle Enrichment Fund may be able to support the project/experience in order to ensure its success. 2) If funding has been secured but only partially provided through other avenues, the Dean's Circle Fund may be able to provide additional funding to supplement what has already been contributed.

## How is the Dean's Circle Enrichment Fund different from other discretionary resources available?

The Dean's Circle Enrichment Fund exists to support creative endeavors within the College of Fine Arts. Consideration is given to any experience/project that fulfills the requirements previously listed and that demonstrates a need for funding. At times, resources from the Dean's Circle Enrichment fund may be awarded in addition to funds secured from other discretionary resources (i.e. Arts! Arts! Arts! funding, Faculty Travel Assistance Program funding, or other areas).

## What will *not* be considered for Dean's Circle Enrichment Funding?

- Experiences/Projects that do not enhance the educational or artistic experience within the College of Fine Arts.
- Applications that have not demonstrated financial need and/or have not demonstrated an effort to secure funding from other available sources.
- Applications that do not have school director approval.