



Invitation to Artists

Qualifications sought from public artists interested in the commission of artwork for the Eastern Oregon University New Student Residence in La Grande, Oregon

The Art Selection Committee for Eastern Oregon University's New Residence Project is interested in sculptural public artwork that may enliven a central courtyard area between the two buildings.

Eastern Oregon University

Eastern Oregon University located in the Blue Mountains of Northeast Oregon is celebrating its 75th Anniversary as a student-centered campus that measures its success by the achievements of its students. At EOU, students engage in undergraduate research, internships and cooperative opportunities, international experiences, and community service for today's global society. EOU offers exceptional faculty, personal attention, and attractive facilities in a remarkable setting.

New Student Residence

The Residence Life Program at EOU is dedicated to the goal of providing the highest standard in student housing while encouraging the development of vibrant student communities on campus. In support of these goals, EOU is nearing completion of two new residence halls as the core of a new residential neighborhood on campus. Each suite-style facility offers apartment like amenities and privacy while still providing community and open spaces, both indoor and outdoor, as gathering places for residents. The residential neighborhood will feature a landscaped courtyard with open space, patio, and walkways to help facilitate the connection between residential communities.

Each of the two new two story buildings that are a part of residence hall project will house 135 single students in three and four person suites. Each suite is complete with bedrooms, bathrooms, living room area and kitchenette. Each building will provide common use areas for student gathering and recreation including conference/study rooms, home theatre room, recreation room, lounge, vending area, and a common kitchen.

Budget

The approximate art budget for artist opportunities listed in this RFQ is \$75,000, which will include artist fees, fabrication, insurance, shipping, travel, installation, documentation and other project costs.

Eligibility

Open to all artists or artist teams.

Deadline

Complete applications must be *received* either by mail or in the Oregon Arts Commission office no later than 5pm on August 26, 2005. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Art Selection Committee. The Committee is only interested in reviewing artists' past work at this time. A short list of finalists may be invited to present a detailed proposal for which they will be paid a design fee.

Art Zone: Exterior Courtyard and Surrounding Landscape

The landscaped courtyard between the two residence buildings creates an outdoor commons to the student community. Pathways, seating areas and open/recreational areas are planned for the area. Student rooms (on the interior of the building) will overlook the courtyard. The selection committee is interested in a sculptural piece or pieces to be located either within the courtyard or at another location on the campus side of the new buildings.

Artwork that is kinetic and/or encourages student interaction is encouraged.



campus master plan, detail

Selection Criteria

Qualifications will be reviewed with the following criteria:

50% Artistic and technical quality of past work

25% Appropriateness of scale, material, style of past work to this project

25% Artist's professional experience as indicated by resume

Selection Committee:

John Echlin-SERA Architects

Craig Rice-SERA Architects

Mike Daugherty-Residence Hall Director

John Lundak-EOU Student

Ladd Roberts-Residence Life

Landscape Maintenance

Peter Johnson- EOU Art Faculty

Roberta Lavadour- Artist

Truman Baird- Oregon University System

For More Information

Visit the Arts Commission website at www.oregonartscommission.org or contact Meagan Atiyeh, Visual Arts Coordinator: (503) 986-0084, meagan.atiyeh@state.or.us.

This public art project is made possible through Oregon's Percent for Art in Public Places program [ORS 276.073-090]. This information is available in alternate formats upon request.



Materials submitted must include the following:

- Artist Resume- Please limit to 2 pages per person and include a daytime telephone number and address.
- Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope. In order to safely return your materials, enclose an envelope no smaller than 5"x 7".
- Up to ten(10) slides for individual artists, up to fourteen(14) for teams. Please label with artist's name, title of work, date and identification number corresponding to the slidesheet and indicate the top of the slide. Please submit 2" x 2" slides in a 9" x 11" plastic slide sheet. Slides will be viewed two at a time.
- Corresponding Slide Identification Sheet: Include title, date of completion, material(s), size, the budget or purchase price and any other relevant information or narrative.

Documentation Specifications:

- **ALL** materials should be clearly labeled.
- *Please* do not staple or bind materials.
- Oversized materials and models will not be accepted.
- Submit all written materials single-sided on white 8 ½" x 11" paper so they may be clearly photocopied.
- Never send your originals.

Materials should be addressed or delivered to:

Oregon Arts Commission

Attn: EOU Housing

775 Summer St, NE, Suite 200

Salem, OR 97301-1284