



2024-25 Brucebo Fine Art Summer Residency Scholarship (\$7,500)

Award Description

The Brucebo Foundation each year funds a three-month working residency at the Brucebo studio cottage in Själsö, Sweden, 7 km north of the Hanseatic and medieval city of Visby. The Scholarship includes the use of the studio cottage, and a stipend of \$7,500 that is intended to cover travel expenses between Canada and Gotland (return). This year, the residency is scheduled for Summer 2025. As a part of this program, upon leaving the island, it is customary for participants to donate a piece of their artwork which they made during their summer residency to the Canadian Collection at the Brucebo Museum.

History and Purpose

Since 1972, the Brucebo Foundation of Gotland, Sweden, has offered art residencies and scholarships to emerging professional Canadian artists by providing a study or work stay on the island of Gotland, in the Baltic Sea.

The Brucebo fine art scholarships date back to the post-impressionist era in Europe, when two young artists, Caroline Benedicks of Sweden and William Blair Bruce of Hamilton, Canada, met in Paris. They married and, after many years on the European continent, settled on the island of Gotland. With the death of William in 1906, and that of Caroline in 1935, the estate created the Brucebo Fine Art (Scholarship) Foundation in the early 1970's, an organization promoting island-based cultural history and art.

To commemorate the unique Swedish-Canadian link of Caroline's and William's marriage and impressive artistry, two annual scholarships for Canadian artists were established: the Brucebo Fine Art Summer Residency Scholarship and the William Blair Bruce European Fine Art Travel Scholarship.

The Residency and Travel Scholarships respond to the needs of emerging artists and are recognized as being among the most significant awards for emerging artists in Canada. The purpose of these awards is to provide an inspiring work-study experience for the most promising graduate students in the visual arts and to help them transition to a professional career.

Eligibility

The Scholarships shall be granted through competition, based on academic merit, to full-time students pursuing a Master of/Magisteriate or Doctor/Doctorate (PhD) degree in the Faculty of Fine Arts (Visual Arts) at Concordia University nearing the completion of their degrees. Eligible applicants include those with a studio-based research-creation practice, including MA, MFA, MDes, as well as the MA/PhD Individualized Program (INDI) and the Interdisciplinary Humanities PhD Program (HUMA),

with a primary supervisor in the Faculty of Fine Arts. Performance-based art practices are not eligible for consideration unless they are undertaken within the context of contemporary visual arts practices and form a minority of the applicant's practice. The Scholarships are open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents only. The Scholarships are not renewable.

Concordia University, in partnership with the Brucebo Foundation, values diversity and encourages applications from candidates who bring unique perspectives, experiences, and contributions to enrich our academic community. We are committed to fostering an inclusive environment where all individuals can thrive.

Award Details

Candidates must demonstrate exceptional ability in their body of creative work. They will be assessed on their record of achievements to date, relevant experience and creative work, and on the quality of the research-creation program they propose.

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Award recipients are required to submit a report at the completion of the residency, outlining what they accomplished and describing the impact of the scholarship on their research-creation practice.

The deadline for applications is Monday, March 3, 2025, by 12 pm/noon.

The selected candidate must be able to take up the award in the year of the selection; typically, residencies begin in late June of the awarded year.

Application Process

Please see the 2024-25 Brucebo Residency Application.