

Prather Opportunity Fund in Art History

The Prather Opportunity Fund in Art History, established by our distinguished alumna Marla F. Prather (MA '81), supports travel by KU art history MA and PhD students that furthers their education and research. Appropriate funding requests include travel to view and study exhibitions, collections, architecture, and site-specific art; to conduct research in museums, libraries, and archives; to attend or present a paper at a scholarly conference or symposium; to consult or interview artists and art professionals; and to attend a special training program.

For categories of travel that are also supported by the Art History Travel Fund, a student should apply to the Prather Opportunity Fund only after the other source has been exhausted or as part of a request that would exhaust that funding. (The most common travel in this category is for presenting a paper at a conference or for dissertation research.)

Applications should follow the guidelines for the Art History Travel Fund and should be submitted to the Art History Travel Committee, with an indication at the top that the application is for Prather Opportunity Funding. The applications should identify any previous funding received from the Prather Opportunity Fund and indicate the date(s), dollar amount requested, and purpose for the proposed travel. Following travel, Prather Opportunity Fund awardees will submit receipts and travel reports as required by the Art History Travel Committee.

There will be two application deadlines per year: October 1, for travel beginning November 1 to April 30, and April 1, for travel beginning May 1 to October 31. The size of awards will be based upon the income available to the Prather Opportunity Fund during each travel period, with preference given to travel for dissertation research.

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