**SoWF Professional Development Grant Program**

**TO:**  Graduate Fellows in the Winterthur Program in American Material Culture (WPAMC) and the Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation (WUDPAC)

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**RE:**  SoWF Professional Development Awards

The Society of Winterthur Fellows (SoWF) has made a generous gift to support graduate students who attend conferences, or who need extra support for their thesis research. The support is competitive and limited. Currently in 2021, WUDPAC Fellows may request up to $500 (up to $750 will be considered for extraordinary initiatives with significant impact) and WPAMC Fellows may request up to $1000; no students will receive more than one award per academic year and none are guaranteed funding. All funding must be utilized before graduation. SoWF funding is limited per calendar year.

To secure funding, students must request it by submitting an application to the WPAMC, WUDPAC, and Center for Material Culture Studies (CMCS) Directors, via an electronic application **emailed to Laura Schmidt (****los@udel.edu****)**. (Laura will forward your materials to the committee.) The awards committee, will generally give preference to:

• Students in the second year (defined at the end of May) of their program or far advanced on their work.

• Students who are actively participating in the project or program by conducting research, giving papers, or participating in treatments.

• Students who try to acquire additional funding from internal University offices or external sources.

• Students whose application demonstrates relevance to their stated professional goals.

An application form is attached as a separate file. Please complete the application and submit electronically to (los@udel.edu). Allow up to three weeks for approval as the committee must confer to review proposals.

Remember that this is a competitive process and funding is not guaranteed. Students can request funding below the maximum award amounts. Funding is typically disbursed through UD’s Concur portal as either reimbursement or allocation of project expenses as incurred.

Grant recipients are required to submit a **final report** to the Grant Administrator comprising a 500-1,000-word narrative and at least three images within 60 days of completion of the project or educational program. Reports can be submitted via email to grants@sowf.org and los@udel.edu. Reports may be published in part or in full by the Society of Winterthur Fellows, including posting on the Society's website, distributed through social media platforms, or in the Society's newsletter.​