



## Connections to Culture: Bill Holm Center Grants Overview

The Bill Holm Center offers research grants to Native artists and researchers who are interested in Northwest Native Art. Applications are reviewed by the Bill Holm Center Advisory Board and awarded annually.

### Visiting Researcher Grants

Bill Holm Center Visiting Researcher grants provide funds for artists and researchers to travel to Seattle and study from Burke Museum collections. Proposals from artists/researchers whose projects would benefit from the study of the Northwest Coast and Plateau collections are encouraged. Visiting Artist/Researcher Grants will be awarded for a period of 1-3 days of research time plus 2 travel days. Grant award funds cover per diem in Seattle (\$76/day) plus travel and lodging costs.

### Application

This application can best be completed online. Begin your application at:

[www.burkemuseum.org/research-and-collections/bill-holm-center/grants](http://www.burkemuseum.org/research-and-collections/bill-holm-center/grants)

Hard copy applications will be considered if applicants do not have access to online submission.

Required uploads to the application include:

- **Collections List:** Applicants will be asked to include a list of collections they wish to study. If researchers wish to research any culturally sensitive items, a letter of permission from the relevant community may be necessary for study. You may view our online database here: [www.burkemuseum.org/collections-and-research/culture/contemporary-culture/database/](http://www.burkemuseum.org/collections-and-research/culture/contemporary-culture/database/)
- **Recommendations:** Applicants will be asked to request two letters of recommendation. When asking an individual to provide you with a letter of support, ask someone who knows you well and knows your potential to succeed in your proposed project. Recommendations can be requested through the application portal.
- **Budget:** All applicants are asked to submit a budget proposal outlining their funding request. The maximum grant award amount for the 2022 cycle is \$5,000. If applicable, budget proposals should include:
  - Applicant travel and per diem
  - Accompanying researchers travel and per diem
  - Hourly compensation for prep and work in the artist studio (\$150/hour)
  - Supplies for workshops or artist studio demonstration
  - Artist fees for workshops

In addition to the budget, applicants will also be asked to provide a budget justification to further elaborate on their funding request. Bill Holm Center outreach staff can assist prospective grantees during the application process and provide a budget template, example budgets, and example budget justifications.

### Optional Opportunities

In addition to collections research, prospective grantees may also apply for the following:

- **Accompanying Guests:** Applicant may invite mentors, apprentices, elders, and colleagues during their research visit. Applicant will be asked to provide the number of accompanying guests and their information on the application.
- **Workshops:** Applicant can host an onsite collections-based teaching workshop for members of the community at the Burke Museum with the option to have Burke Collections available.
- **Public demonstrations:** Our artist studio is an opportunity for the applicant to engage with our museum public and demonstrate what they are researching, either before or after their collections research. Applicant will be paid \$150/hour for preparation and participation in public demonstrations.
- **Virtual Access:** Virtual collections access will be an optional opportunity offered to all grantees to use before and/or after their in-person visits to collections. Virtual previews may help grantees prepare for their in-person visit, and follow-up virtual visits will give grantees an additional opportunity to review specific pieces they studied without having to travel back to the Burke.

### Public Visibility and Photo/Video Documentation

Several work areas in the Burke Museum are visible to the public to enable visitors to see behind-the-scenes and better understand how the museum operates. This includes the collections workroom, collections storage areas, and the artist studio. Please contact us for more information and/or photos of the space.

Grant recipients will be asked to have photos and/or videos taken during their research as part of the documentation of our grant program. These photos may be used in reporting and promotion of Bill Holm Center grants.

### Evaluations

All grant recipients are asked to fill out an evaluation of their experience. These evaluations let us track how effective our grant program is in helping artists and researchers with their artistic or scholarly goals. They also let us know how we can improve our programs.

We would very much like to see photos of or hear about artworks our grant recipients make that are inspired or informed by the grant-funded collections visits to the Burke and elsewhere.