



Application Form
Distinction in Research and Creative Works
Department of Visual and Dramatic Arts

University Guidelines from the General Announcements:

Distinction in Research and Creative Works is a university award for select undergraduates, granted at commencement, which appears on the transcript and diploma. Students must apply within their department or program to be considered for the award and a letter from a faculty member must support the application.

Eligibility for the award extends widely to include a variety of research, design, and other creative projects, as well as persistent dedication to research. Projects completed in part or entirely at other institutions or with community partners will be eligible for consideration.

Applicants must be in good academic standing and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.30 in courses completed at Rice.

Also, of further note:

The award will be granted only to projects that produce a concrete outcome – e.g. an essay, invention, design, art exhibition, project or performance, or musical composition – and demonstrate commitment and/or achievement above and beyond the norm. Students who complete senior theses, senior design projects or other required senior capstone projects shall not qualify automatically for consideration for this university distinction.

Department of Visual and Dramatic Arts Application must include:

- 1) Application form; including portfolio
- 2) Overall GPA of 3.30
- 3) A written artist statement
- 4) Letter of support from a Visual and Dramatic Arts faculty member
- 5) Public exhibition, screening, publication or performance that includes a lecture or artist talk component by applicant
- 6) Two-page description of how the project meets the requirements of Distinction.

The department requires exceptional evidence of success, as defined by completion of a project (body of artwork, film, theatrical design work, etc.).

Support through the application process will be available through the department-- e.g. workshops, seminars and individual meetings with faculty mentors.

Deadlines: Completed application packet due to the Department of Visual and Dramatic Arts before April 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. (Room 204). No electronic submissions accepted. Please note that your project does not have to be completed to apply for Distinction (all final materials will be due on April 18, 2014)

Department committee will judge applications for Distinction. Work deemed “above and beyond” expectation will be considered for Distinction. The department will select a very limited number of students for Distinction.

NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Student ID Number: _____ College: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Applicants who do not meet and fulfill all six items listed above will not be considered for *Distinction*.