

# **CALL TO ARTISTS - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

## **MSU STUDENT WELLNESS CENTER EXTERIOR MURAL MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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**I. PROJECT SUMMARY**

Montana State University (MSU) wishes to commission professional or emerging visual artist(s) or artist teams to produce an original exterior mural. The artist is to create an exterior mural located on the southeast corner of the newly opened Student Wellness Center at Montana State University, Bozeman (see Attachment page 2). Artists are encouraged to capture themes of **holistic health, wellness, movement**, or the **natural environment** in their proposed art installations.

**II. PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The Wellness Center reimagines what inclusive and holistic wellness looks like on the MSU campus. The new facility brings fitness, recreation, wellness, instruction, and research together in one central and innovative space. The Student Wellness Center is an integral part of student’s daily lives by providing spaces for community connection and mind and body wellness

**III. SELECTION PROCESS**

The selection of art will be reviewed by a 6-member committee composed of the university architect, planning manager, 2 members of the Public Art and Artifacts Committee appointed by the committee, 1 Building Committee member, and 1 student representative.

**IV. BUDGET**

The Selection Committee through their selection of an artist(s) or artist team for the design, creation, and installation of art procured through this solicitation shall determine how the budget allocation will be utilized, with any remainder being returned to the project art budget.

**V. TIMELINE**

October 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Call for Artists (RFP) Posted
November 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Artist Proposals Due
December 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	Anticipated Selection/Notice to Artists
May 12, 2025 – August 15, 2025	Installation Period

## **VI. APPLICATION PROCESS**

### **ART PROPOSAL**

Proposal that summarizes the artwork, creation process and timeline, and installation process and timeline, including any specialized installation requirements shall be provided. Please submit as a PDF file.

### **BUDGET PROPOSAL**

Detailed cost of the proposed piece, including installation costs, equipment rental, and travel costs if necessary. Please submit as a PDF file.

### **ARTIST STATEMENT**

Statement that addresses the artist's interest in creating art for the Student Wellness Center, including the relevance and significance of the proposed work to the community. Limit statement to no more than 1,500 words. Please submit as a PDF file.

### **RESUME**

Resume that includes contact information, formal and informal education, exhibitions, inclusion in public and private collections, awards, and/or other information attesting to the artistic quality of the artist. Please submit as a PDF file.

### **ARTIST DOCUMENTATION**

Up to 10 digital images of recent work to provide an overview of the artist's work for the selection committee. No more than 10 total images may be submitted.

#### **Digital images must be:**

1. a JPG file.
2. High resolution digital images (no less than 300 dpi and no more than 600 dpi sized to approximately 5"x7")
3. Labeled with applicant's last name, first name, and image number, e.g., DoeJane1.jpg, DoeJane2.jpg (If you have detail images, keep them in sequence with image of complete work.)

#### **Image detail list:**

A corresponding and consecutively numbered list submitted as a PDF file containing the following information for each documentation image:

1. Number of image (e.g. DoeJane1.jpg)
2. Title of work
3. Medium
4. Dimensions
5. Date of completion

6. **Cost of Design and Installation:** It will be assumed that the inclusion of a purchase price means that the work is available and proposed for sale. If the work is provided as a representative sample and not available for purchase, mark as NFS and do not include price.

**VII. CONSIDERATIONS FOR YOUR ARTWORK**

**VIII.** Art reflects the themes of the Student Wellness Center stated in Section I.

**IX.** Art is appropriate for the scale, fit, and experience of each space as defined in Attachment A.

- X.** Art should promote the MSU Public Art and Artifacts Policy’s Mission and Intent
- The proposed art enriches the educational experience for the MSU community.
  - The proposed art is of a subject matter or provides a message of interest for installation on campus.
  - The proposed art is not out of compliance with any relevant laws.

**XI.** Quality and Presentation

- The quality of art refers to the overall accomplishment in the art form and content, and the quality of craftsmanship. Art with its own merit may not be acceptable if they are in contrast with the general aesthetic atmosphere and character of the University.
- The art must be constructed in a manner that ensures intended longevity. The making of the art should include the use of correct technical processes and materials which have sufficient permanence.
- Works of art must be presented in a professional manner and demonstrate proficient and practiced art techniques.
- Works of art must be designed and constructed of durable and appropriate materials.
- The portfolio of art is of appropriate quality of materials/medium for installation on campus.

**XII. STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

As an institute of higher education, MSU values experiential learning and student engagement opportunities with professional artists. If selected, MSU is interested in finding mutually agreeable student engagement opportunities around the vision, creation, and/or installation of your artwork.

**XIII. Submission Deadline and Details**

- Please submit all application process items to the following OneDrive link: [MSU Wellness Center Exterior Mural](#)
- You may contact Sarah Knoebl, Campus Planner, with any questions regarding this RFP at the following email ([sarah.knoebl@montana.edu](mailto:sarah.knoebl@montana.edu)) or by calling (406)-994-5455

- **All submissions must be received by 5pm MST on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**  
Submissions received after this deadline will not be reviewed.

# **ATTACHMENT A: STUDENT WELLNESS CENTER EXTERIOR MURAL**

# LOCATION NOTES

Location: **Southeast corner of the Student Wellness Center** indicated by the red box below.

Mural Dimensions: **19' wide x 32' tall**

Surface Material: Concrete

