

Call for Submissions

MIDDLEBROOK PRIZE FOR YOUNG CANADIAN CURATORS



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2016 Jurors

Alison Cooley
2014 Middlebrook Prize Recipient
(with Natasha Chaykowski)

Melissa Bennett
Curator of Contemporary Art,
Art Gallery of Hamilton

Robert Enright
Research Professor in Art Theory
and Criticism, University of
Guelph, and Senior Contributing
Editor, *Border Crossings*

Dawn Owen
Acting Director/Curator
of Contemporary Art,
Art Gallery of Guelph
(Jury Committee Chair)

Important Dates

SUBMISSIONS
Mar 1 – Apr 10, 2016

WINNING CURATOR
ANNOUNCEMENT
May 2, 2016

EXHIBITION DATES
Sep 15 – Dec 18, 2016

OPENING RECEPTION
Sep 15, 2016

The Middlebrook Prize invites curators under the age of 30 to submit an innovative proposal for an exhibition at the Art Gallery of Guelph, to take place from September 15 to December 18, 2016. Applicants are encouraged to reflect upon the ways in which creative thinking may animate and engage a community, instilling a shared sense of purpose and connectedness.

By supporting and mobilizing Canadian creative talent, the Middlebrook Prize aims to inspire positive social change through creativity and connectedness in a time of unprecedented economic, environmental, social, and cultural challenges.

The winning curator will receive an honorarium of \$5,000.

Applications must include:

- Letter of Introduction: applicants should share their perspective on the health and vitality of art in Canada and what the Prize means to them as a career-building opportunity
- One-page exhibition proposal (including contact information, curatorial statement, list of artists, and description of outreach programming)
- Exhibition budget up to \$10,000 and including: artist fees, shipping via an accredited art transportation company, special equipment requirements for the exhibition, any unique or unusual installation requirements, projected travel/accommodation expenses for artists/curators)
- One example of critical writing
- C.V. (current, maximum three pages)
- Ten images with descriptions (including artist name, title, date, medium, dimensions) inclusive of the following:
 - five images supporting exhibition proposal
 - five images supporting past curatorial work
- Floor Plan (detailing the proposed layout of works)

Notes

The award winner must be under 30 years of age by December 31, 2016.

The Prize is open to Canadian citizens, as well as non-Canadians currently living and working in Canada.

If the Prize is awarded to a non-Canadian curator, they must be resident in Canada for the full term of the Prize (March through December 2016).

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More information online at bit.do/middlebrook and middlebrookprize.ca