

# *Tom Lea Research Fellowship*

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TO: College of Liberal Arts Department Chairs, Program Directors, Academic Advisers,  
Graduate Students and Undergraduate Students

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Dean

SUBJECT: Call for Applications – Tom Lea Research Fellowship

The College of Liberal Arts is proud to announce the Tom Lea Research Fellowship Award, named for the nationally-known artist and author whose work graced the Paso del Norte region and many national venues. The award has been established by Donald and Adair Margo, of El Paso, who are dedicated to an appreciation of the art and culture of our region. Adair Margo is director of the Tom Lea Institute.

Selected candidates must use the fellowship award to support research in studies of art or literary history and culture in the Paso del Norte region. Recipients must present their research in October, 2017, during Tom Lea Month, which is celebrated throughout Texas. All funds must be spent by December 31, 2017. Proposals should reflect projects that are informed by an awareness of Mr. Lea's work in art and/or literature.

There will be two fellowships awarded in 2017, for \$2,000 each.

To be considered for this award, applicants must complete and submit the attached application form by February 28, 2017. The selection process will be conducted by a committee of Liberal Arts faculty and the recipients for 2017 will be announced on March 22, 2017.

Please disseminate this notice to qualified applicants so that we may assure that qualified undergraduate and graduate students are aware of this research fellowship.

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APPLICATION FORM

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your current research/creative activities and progress towards completion of your degree, current source of funding, and anticipated graduation date.

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Why do you believe you are a worthy recipient of this award? (Provide proof of outstanding academic and research achievement)

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How will your project be informed by the work of Tom Lea?

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What is your long-term professional goal? What are you currently doing to achieve that goal?

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If awarded, what do you intend to do with this fellowship?

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide two letters of recommendation (in sealed envelopes) that emphasize your current academic and research achievements. Additionally, in the space below, describe your research plan and your potential for future career success. Please attach a current curriculum vita as well as a budget for your research and a timeline. Return your complete application package to Estella Estrada, Liberal Arts 343, Office of the Dean, College of Liberal Arts.