

Who Should Apply?

The Starr Fellowship is an artist's residency at the Royal Academy Schools, the Royal Academy of Arts' school of contemporary fine art. The Fellowship is available to emerging American artists and the core of the programme is the development of the artist's own work in their studio. The Fellowship also offers opportunities to contribute to group critiques on our postgraduate programme.

The Starr Fellowship runs from October 2015 to July 2016. The successful candidate is provided with a private studio measuring 5.3 metres by 3.3 metres, located in the RA Schools. They will also receive a stipend of 12,000 GBP that is distributed in three instalments, at the beginning of each term. This is an opportunity for an artist with US citizen status to create work within the RA Schools for an academic year, culminating with a solo show at the RA Schools in July, viewable by appointment.

All our facilities are available to the Starr Fellow, including our Digital Media Suite, Sculpture Workshop, Video Editing Suite, Printmaking Studios and Library. Every one of these areas is staffed term-time by a tutor who is also a practicing artist. The Starr Fellow is also very welcome to attend the Lectures and Artist's Talks that form a part of our postgraduate programme. For more information on our facilities and our academic programme [please download our Prospectus here.](#)

The Starr Fellowship is made possible through the support of the Starr Foundation, which was established in 1955 by Cornelius Vander Starr, an insurance entrepreneur who founded C.V. Starr & Co. and other companies. Later these companies were merged by Starr's successor Maurice R. Greenberg into what became the American International Group Inc. Mr. Starr, a pioneer of globalisation, set up his first insurance venture in Shanghai in 1919. He died in 1968 at the age of 76, leaving his estate to the Starr Foundation.

About the RA Schools

The RA Schools is an independent school of contemporary fine art, proud to offer free tuition. Its three-year postgraduate course is designed to respond to the individual needs of each participant and offers the opportunity to be part of a unique and intimate community of artists. As part of the Royal Academy of Arts, it is Britain's first fine art school, found just behind the Academy's galleries on Piccadilly in central London. The RA Schools' constantly evolving programme attracts some of the most sought-after teaching staff, visiting artists and thinkers in the world.

Key Dates

Application Deadline	1 May 2015
Successful Candidate Notified	End of May 2015

Application Process

1. Download the Application from the Starr Fellowship section of [our website](#)
2. Complete Personal Details + Education sections (**Part 1**)
3. Complete the Application Statement (**Part 2**). This should be no more than 500 words. Hand-written statements are not advised
4. Complete the Declaration
5. Complete the List of Works (**Part 3**) as per our conditions on Page 3
6. Pay the [application fee online here](#) then record the booking reference number you will receive on your application in **Part 1**. The payment system will appear as if you are booking a ticket for an event; this is correct and you simply need to follow the instructions.
7. Send the Reference (**Part 4**) to your referee: an artist or an art professional who is familiar with you and your work.
8. Ask your referee to email it directly to us at admissions@raschools.org.uk. Make sure that your referee is aware of the deadline
9. Enclose your CV.
10. Post your Application to the Royal Academy Schools or deliver it by hand between the hours of 09:00 – 17:00 (weekdays only)

We will not be open on Friday 3 April 2015 and Monday 6 April 2015 to accept hand delivered applications
11. We will not accept application submitted after the deadline, Friday 1 May 2015

We guarantee that all correctly submitted applications are given careful consideration. We are unable to return any part of your application so do not include anything of value.

List of Works

Alongside your Application Statement please submit:

- Up to 16 images of (mostly) recent work
or
- Up to 15 minutes of (mostly) recent video work
or
- A proportion of both
- Do not send 16 images **and** 15 minutes of film. We will not be able to look through all of your work if you do

Images

- We only accept images in JPEG format on CD, DVD or USB flash drive.
- All images should be in RGB mode
- Dimensions should not exceed 1400 x 1050 (roughly 1.5MB in size)
- All images should be Mac compatible – test your disc or drive on a Mac before submitting your application
- **Do not** submit images in any other format. TIFF, PowerPoint, PDF, PSD formats etc. will not be accepted

Video

- We only accept video on a PAL format DVD or USB flash drive.
- If submitting time-based works, you should include a maximum of three works
- If your films are longer than five minutes we recommend submitting shorter extracts

Though useful, keep details of works to a minimum

Clearly label your disc with your full name

Do not supply original work or a portfolio of work to accompany your application. This will not be accepted and we are unable to return it.

Application Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Part 1 | Personal Details + Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Part 2 | Application Statement + Declaration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Part 3 | List of Works + Disc/Drive of Works |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Part 4 | CV |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Part 5 | Reference |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Part 6 | Pay application fee |
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We will not provide confirmation of receipt. If you want to ensure we have received your application, use a postal service that allows you to track your parcel. This is recommended for applicants posting from outside of the UK.

When posting, the insurance value of your application should be noted as zero. We will not accept applications that are marked as valuable as we will be charged.

Send your application to:

**Admissions Starr Fellowship
Royal Academy Schools
Burlington House
Piccadilly
London
W1J 0BD**

Deadline 1 May 2015

Thank you for applying to the RA Schools
