“The Henry Walters Traveling Fellowship allowed me the opportunity to spend time in Mexico with several artists with whose work I felt a strong affiliation. Due to the freedom of the fellowship, I had plenty of time and resources to travel around the country, and this exploration proved to be important to the ongoing development of my work.”

DONNA CONLON  2002 Henry Walters Traveling Fellow

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The Henry Walters Traveling Fellowship

Recognizing that direct contact with other cultures — and the deepening experience of travel itself — are important experiences for any artist at the threshold of his or her career, the Municipal Art Society established the Henry Walters Traveling Fellowship at Maryland Institute College of Art. The fellowship, one of the oldest awards at MICA, is named after Henry Walters, who was one of Baltimore’s preeminent art patrons in the early 20th century. Since its inception, the Henry Walters Traveling Fellowship has allowed talented MFA graduate students to begin their careers with an immersive and transformative travel experience that informs their art making for years to come.

“The Henry Walters Traveling Fellowship gave me the amazing opportunity to spend a month in Europe developing my work. There are endless reasons to apply, but one of the most attractive features of this fellowship is that you are able to design the travel experience to cater to your interests and needs.”

Krista Steinke 2000 Henry Walters Traveling Fellow

How to Apply
All students in their final year of an MFA program at MICA are eligible and encouraged to apply for the Henry Walters Traveling Fellowship. Applications are available each spring through the Office of Graduate Studies, and students can receive assistance in preparing a competitive application by making an appointment with staff at MICA’s Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Career Development.

Selection of Winner
The award winner is selected by a guest juror from among all eligible applicants, and the award is presented at MICA’s commencement ceremony each spring.

Conditions of the Award
Funds will be made available when the award winner has confirmed dates for travel. It is expected that the Walters Fellow will complete travel within one year of graduation. Each fellow should return to MICA after the completion of his or her travels in order to share experiences with current MFA students. This return visit should take place during the academic year’s regular class sessions and be coordinated with the Office of Graduate Studies.