The 2010 Kelly McKinnell Memorial Award

The Kelly McKinnell Memorial Award of $1000, provides the selected student an opportunity to travel anywhere in the world to work on a photographic exploration and documentation project with the goal of promoting world cultural understanding or environmental awareness. The Award is open to all enrolled University of Michigan students. Projects, including a culminating exhibition, must be completed before graduation from the University.

Application Process:
The student application requirements include:
1. A maximum two-page proposal, which includes where the student plans to travel, the planned time period for travel, a description of the photo documentation project including exhibition, and an explanation of how the project will promote world understanding or environmental awareness.
2. A detailed budget listing expected travel costs and work related expenses.
3. A portfolio of work with no more than 20 images on CD or a URL, or a PDF not larger than 9MB
4. A letter of sponsorship from a University faculty member.

Selection Process:
The School of Art & Design administers the selection process. Applications are reviewed by a panel appointed by the School. One student per year is selected unless available Award funds allow for the selection of a second student. Mrs. Jean Ware, Kelly McKinnell’s mother, and Warren Zinn, Award founder, provide oversight of the selection process to ensure that the spirit of the Award is honored.

Project Guidelines:
The awardee has until the end of the following academic year to complete the project. Students make arrangements for a venue for the culminating exhibition. Incomplete projects, barring extreme circumstances, require a return of Award funding.

For more information contact the School of Art & Design’s career development coordinator, John Luther at jonel@umich.edu or (734) 764-0397.

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The McKinnell Memorial Award has been established in memory of Art & Design alumna, Kelly McKinnell. Kelly was the victim of a Chicago porch collapse in June 2003. The Scholarship, that was founded by Kelly’s mother, Jean Ware, and Kelly’s close friend, Warren Zinn, ensures that Kelly’s passion for photography and travel live on.