Competition and Commission
Rendition of the Michigan Ross School of Business
Winner to earn $5,000 to create 25 copies of winning piece

The University of Michigan’s Ross School of Business is in the midst of a historic construction project to complete the complex of the business school buildings. The construction is scheduled to be finished in fall 2016.

There are 23 donors who provided the funds to make this significant construction project possible. When the complex opens in the fall, the Ross School will give each donor a piece of art reflecting the new building. Ross seeks a winning piece of art to serve as this gift and commemorate the opening. The artist of the winning submission will earn $5,000 to produce 25 copies of the winning submission.

Applicants to the competition will submit a compelling rendition of the Ross School of Business in any medium. The winning piece will:

- Reflect the Ross School of Business buildings
- Be complementary to the look, feel, and tone of the Michigan Ross brand
- Be tasteful, thoughtful, creative, and conservative

The donors who will receive the art range in ages, backgrounds, locations, cultures, and tastes. Therefore the winning concept must be universally appealing to a broad audience and be capable of being shipped. The winning concept must also be appealing to high-level administrators at the University of Michigan. Literal renditions of the building are strongly preferred; abstract interpretations will likely not be selected. The winning piece may likely be a painting, although other media could certainly be winning.

Applicants will submit a single submission for the competition. After being notified of winning and accepting, the winner will then receive $5,000 to create 25 copies of the winning piece. The winner must manage his/her own costs for production. Additional funds for expensive materials will not be provided.

Dates:
- Friday, July 1: Deadline for Submission
- Friday, July 15: Winner Notified
- Wednesday, July 20: Deadline to Accept Commission
- Friday, September 2: Deadline to Complete 25 Copies

Additional Notes: The new construction project is of three buildings behind the main flagship Ross building, built 10 years ago. The art must reflect the newly constructed buildings. However, if multiple buildings can be reflected in the work, the flagship building may be nice to be included, as it is emblematic of the school. For example, if a pair of images is made, the pair could reflect the new buildings and the flagship building.
We suggest that you visit the complex for inspiration, walk around, and take it in. The complex is located at 701 Tappan St. and bordered by Tappan St., Hill St., and East University Ave. The entrance to the new buildings will be on East University Ave. Due to the construction currently taking place, some parts are difficult to see. To see architect sketches of the final construction, please email hledgard@umich.edu.

How to Submit:

Create a high-quality pdf of images of your submission.

Please also provide:
- An Artist Statement of your work
- Name
- Degree program and year
- Phone, email, and street address

Please email your submission to:
- Helen Ledgard
- Associate Director of Donor Relations
- Michigan Ross School of Business
  hledgard@umich.edu

If you have any questions, please feel welcome to email hledgard@umich.edu or call 734-647-4951.