



The Mighty Pen Student Initiative Call For Proposals

Deadline: December 1, 2020, 12pm EST

Amplifying voices. Building relations. Resisting systems.

Are you a BIPOC student, collective or group?

Do you have an idea for an online or virtual project that strengthens relations between communities and that responds to ongoing racism during the global COVID-19 pandemic?

Apply for the Mighty Pen Student Initiative Fund to help finance any online initiative that features students who identify as Black, Indigenous or People of Colour. The project can use any textual or visual media to generate stories, artwork and dialogue around social justice and anti-racist practices.

Projects that are inclusive of a diverse range of identities and experiences are particularly encouraged this year.

Application Process

Fill out the form below with details of your project, timeline and budget. Applications will be juried by a committee of OCAD U staff from the Centre for Emerging Artists and Designers (CEAD), Indigenous Student Centre (ISC) and Writing & Learning Centre (WLC). Adjudication criteria is listed at the end of this form.

Please submit your application to wlc@ocadu.ca by 12pm EST on December 1, 2020.

Application Information Session

Join us on Thursday, November 19, 2020 from 3pm-5pm EST for a drop-in information session about the Student Initiative Fund application process. Join via [The Mighty Pen's Teams channel](#).



Adjudication Criteria

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The jury will evaluate your proposal on the following criteria:

1. Relevance and Impact

- How does this project further you and your group's creative and professional development?
- Does your project fit the mandate and vision of The Mighty Pen?
- Does your project impact OCAD U students and reach the wider community?
- How does your project address discrimination and racism during COVID-19, strengthen relations between communities, and feature BIPOC voices, experiences and stories?

2. Equity and Inclusivity

- Does your project and group support social justice, equitable practices and include all members as active participants?
- Is your project inclusive of a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences?

3. Feasibility and Accessibility

- What is your experience doing similar events and are you collaborating with other individuals, student and/or community groups?
- What is your timeline and can your project be delivered in the time proposed?
- Is your budget feasible? Have you located other sources of funding and/or revenue?
- Is your project accessible to a wide range of audiences with different needs?

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Names of individuals, group or collective:

If you are a group or collective, please list the names of your members below:

Email:
Website/Social Media:

Do you and/or the members of your collective or group self-identify as a Black, Indigenous or Person of colour?	
Yes	No

Project Working Title:

Project Description (up to 200 words): <i>How does your project use storytelling and build resilience?</i> <i>How does your project feature BIPOC experiences and voices?</i>

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What is the timeline for your project?

*Projects should begin in January 2021 and funds should be spent by March 2021.
Projects must be completed by April 2021.*

Month	Task

Budget

Students can apply for up to \$250 in funding.

Item Description	Amount Requested
TOTAL:	

**Please email your completed form to wlc@ocadu.ca.
Additional material can be included in your application as an additional attachment.**