

Interdisciplinary Humanities Research Center (IHRC)
College of Arts & Sciences
Paul R. Jones Initiative (PRJI) Funding Support ~ Fall 2024 & Spring 2025
programming and curricular support grants
Award amounts: Between \$500-\$1500

Call for Proposals:

- 2024-2025 PRJI Black Arts @ UD

The Paul R. Jones Initiative ([PRJI](#)) honors art collector Paul R. Jones (1928-2010) and his gift of African American art to the University of Delaware. Funded by the College of Arts & Sciences, the PRJI encourages educational inquiry, interdisciplinary engagement, and critical thinking with and through Black arts. Since its inception, the PRJI has supported a wide range of research and curricular programming using African American art as a point of departure. The PRJI supports teaching, research, and programs related directly to UD collections and, more broadly, Black arts practice, history, and engagement.

PRJI grants may be used for public events and curricular enhancement. Collaborative programming (across departments, units, university at large) is encouraged.

PRJI grants provide funding for arts programming, visiting artists, and scholars. *Grant requests must align with the PRJI mission and be teaching and learner centered.*

- Requests for funding are due by **January 8, 2024**. Notification by **February 6, 2024**.
- Departments, centers, and units working toward collaborative programs may combine funding requests.
- *The PRJI encourages collaborations* with the CAS Arts portfolio. Applicants may seek partnerships with [Community Engagement Initiative \(Partnership for Arts and Culture\)](#) & [UDARI \(Visual and Performing Arts\)](#). The University Faculty Senate [Committee](#) on Cultural Activities and Public Events also supports programming.
- Funding requests should include rationale, projected timeline, and itemized budget.

Submit a PDF that includes the following information and in this order:

- 1) contact information and name(s) of department or unit responsible for grant;
 - 2) program/project title;
 - 3) description and rationale;
 - 4) relationship to mission of PRJI;
 - 5) anticipated timeline;
 - 6) itemized budget (e.g., honoraria, travel, lodging, AV expenses).
- Support for the proposal from the department/unit chair required(s). Please share draft CFP with your chair or program directors or sponsoring units.
 - Departments, programs, and units receiving PRJI funds are reimbursed upon completion of the program and receipt of budget reports and **documentation of the program**

(synopsis suitable for digital archive with images), audience engagement and assessment of program success.

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Please note that catering costs are not supported by these PRJI grants.

- Requests for funding should be sent to Tracy Jentsch, Program Manager for the IHRC: ihrc-info@udel.edu
- In the subject heading of the email, please write: PRJI AY24-25 and your name: e.g., PRJI AY25-25_Purple.
- Questions pertaining to the Paul J. Jones Initiative: contact Julie McGee, Director of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Research Center, Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Art History: ihrc-info@udel.edu