

**Paul R. Jones Initiative (PRJI) Funding Support Fall 2021 & Spring 2022**  
*programming and curricular support grants*

**Call for Proposals:**

- 2021-2022 Paul R. Jones Annual Lecturer
- Arts & Anti-racism Grants

**Mission:**

**The Paul R. Jones Initiative (PRJI)** fosters educational inquiry, interdisciplinary engagement, and critical thinking with and through African American art at the University of Delaware. Founded in conjunction with the gift of the Paul R. Jones Collection, the Initiative supports a broad range of programming intended to strengthen the collection and its interconnectivity with campus life and community. The Initiative supports teaching and research related to the collection and curricular outreach related to American art and culture in dialogue with Africa and its diaspora. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, the PRJI centers *and* foregrounds the arts through its support of interdisciplinary practices.

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

**The PRJI & UD Anti-racism Initiative:**

The PRJI supports the mission of the [UD Anti-racism Initiative](#) (UDARI). Grant requests that align with UDARI, including that for the Annual Lecture, will be prioritized for this AY21-22 grant cycle.

- Requests for funding are due by **June 11, 2021**. Notification by **June 30, 2021**.
- Departments, programs and units working toward collaborative programs may combine funding requests. *The PRJI encourages collaborations with the CAS Arts portfolio.*
- Funding requests should include rationale, projected timeline, and itemized budget.

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).

**Arts & Anti-racism Grants**

**AY21-22 Award Amounts:** Between \$500-\$1500 [catering is not supported]

**The PRJI Annual Lecturer Fund** allowance is up to \$5000 (inclusive of honorarium, travel, accommodation). Departments/units must seek contributing funds from other units if the total expenditures for the Annual lecture exceed \$5000.

**Annual Paul R. Jones Lecture:**

The Paul R. Jones Annual Lecture honors Paul. R. Jones and his gift of African American art to the University of Delaware. Since its arrival at UD, the university has supported a wide range of research and curricular programming using African American art as the seminal point of departure. This includes American art and culture in dialogue with Africa and its Diaspora. The

**Annual Lecture** underscores the significance of Black arts to humanistic studies and showcases individuals whose contributions to the field are exemplary, interdisciplinary, and inspiring.

Previous Paul R. Jones Lecturers include: **Gloria Wade Gayles, Richard Long, Richard J. Powell, Alison Saar, Keith Morrison, David C. Driskell, Melvin Edwards and Jayne Cortez, Sonya Clark, Thomas Allen Harris, Ty Jones, Fo Wilson, Mabel O. Wilson, Allan deSouza and Deborah Willis** (2020-2021).

- Requests for funding and nominations should be sent to Tracy Jentzsch, Program Coordinator for the IHRC: [ihrc-info@udel.edu](mailto:ihrc-info@udel.edu)
- In the subject heading of the email, please write: PRJI AY21-22 and your name: e.g. PRJI AY21-22\_Green.
- 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](mailto:ihrc-info@udel.edu)