

Miller Arts Fall Minigrant Outcome Report

I used my Miller Arts Fall minigrant to purchase Apple's newest iPad, the 2022 model iPad Pro with an 11 inch display. While the grant didn't cover the full cost of the device and subscriptions to all tools, it did make this upgrade possible for me. I'm extremely grateful to the Miller Arts program because this equipment not only helps me with short term goals, but will also continue to serve and grow my work/career for a long time to come. In addition to personal work, I volunteer graphic design and visual editing services for multiple student run magazines and organizations; having a high tech iPad has allowed me to produce better work at a faster speed. This semester I have made posters, logos, infographics, outreach and marketing materials, and I could not have achieved nearly as much if every project required commuting back and forth to UVA's digital labs for software access. The new iPad Pro can run almost all adobe suite apps as well as other drawing, video editing, animation, and 3D scanning programs, and more, as well as having a highly developed screen for finger and stylus sensation. In the past, I've been very limited by using a computer mouse to render digital artwork because I come from a painting and drawing background, so having a stylus or utensil allows me to engage my hand-based skills. This change is allowing my digital technique and products to grow exponentially. I toyed with buying other kinds of tablets, but the access to portability, compatibility, camera and audio capabilities, messaging and email, image and file storage, and internet image search and research brought this device to the top of my list. I also asked multiple mentors for suggestions and advice before selecting what equipment I wanted to purchase, and Miller Arts Scholars is what ultimately made it possible!