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Mini-grant Project Outcome Report

After receiving funding from Miller Arts Scholars, I began to more extensively research medium format cameras. I reached out to another photographer at UVA who let me shoot with several of his medium format cameras in order to get a better gage for which camera model is more conducive to my way of working. I decided to purchase a Mamiya RB67 after trying out multiple cameras and enjoying this one the most. However, this camera was about $100 more expensive than the cameras I was looking at when I wrote my proposal; despite this, I still purchased the Mamiya RB67, but as a result I had to adjust my budget. Initially, I projected that I would buy ~25 rolls of film with the mini-grant, but I ended up purchasing 15 rolls—I intend to perpetually buy more film with my own funding to continue shooting with the camera, but the Miller Arts Scholars funding covered the costs of 15 rolls. In my initial proposal, I factored in the cost of purchasing a 6x7 negative carrier, so that I could print my photographs in the darkroom. When evaluating the heightened cost of the camera, I wanted to find a way to be able to print my photographs and still purchase as much film as possible with the grant, so I decided to eliminate the cost of the negative carrier by making my own with matboard. Although I did not intend to do this initially, I still ended up with a functional negative carrier and I am content with the finished product. At the current moment, I am concurrently working to shoot more, develop my film, and make prints. It took longer to designate which camera I was going to purchase than expected, but I am excited to continue working with the camera and to begin cultivating a body of work with the images I have made with the camera—thank you to Miller Arts for the funding that has allowed me to upgrade my camera.

Costs:

6x7 Camera	$410.67
T-Max 400 B&W Film • 3 Boxes of 5 Rolls @ 34.95 a box	$104.85

=$515.52

Images of the Mamiya RB67 camera that was purchased with the mini-grant