

Artist Minigrant Application
Proposal to Fund Photography Equipment
Project Title: The Relation between Photography and Drawing
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To the Director of the Miller Arts Scholars at the University of Virginia, Michael Rasbury,

My name is Parima Sahbai and I am a current second year Arts Scholar at the University of Virginia. I am requesting \$500 in order to purchase a camera in pursuit of furthering my development as a visual artist.

I believe that there is a very important connection between studio art forms such as painting, drawing, and sculpture and photography. The common link between all of these art forms is confidence in understanding and careful observation of our surroundings. One of the most important factors in becoming a successful studio artist is understanding the mechanics of the world around us and being able to convey those feelings into two dimensions.

Photography has always been a subject that I have been fascinated with as an artist who has only gotten to explore painting, drawing, and sculpture. I strongly believe that I need to familiarize myself with the subject in order to grasp a better understanding of the world around me.

Currently I do not own a professional camera and only use a point and shoot along along with my iPhone camera. I have been consistently trying to capture photographs with these tools, however these cameras are lacking as I do not have any control over many elements and aspects of the pictures namely the focus and the zoom. I believe that a professional camera will help me gain control of these aspects and shoot even more beautiful photographs.

Understanding photography is crucial to my development as an artist. Not only will the camera help me understand the world around me better, but it will also aid me in future works that have to do with drawing from a photograph. Many times, it is difficult to look at details from a regular point and shoot camera as the quality is not very good. Drawing is a detailed process and there are many times where I have to zoom into a picture in order to see what I'm drawing more clearly. However, the cameras that I currently own get extremely pixelated when I zoom in and prevent me from getting a good idea of what I'm drawing.

If this proposal is approved I will shoot more pictures and use the pictures as an alternate art form, aiding me with different projects, whether they are video, picture, or drawing based in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Parima Sahbai
Class of 2018

Here are samples of the work that I have done with my current equipment and cameras:

Taken with iPhone:



Example of being unable to get the perfect shot because of the low quality of the camera and

Taken with point and shoot:



Budget:

Item	Estimated Cost
Nikon D3300 (Or a similar model) from Costco or from Amazon	\$499-\$600
Money from Grant	\$500
Money out of pocket	\$0-\$100
Total	\$499-\$600