**Call for Committee Members: Indigenous Student-Led Indigenous Art Purchase Program (ISLIAPP)**

Are you a passionate Indigenous student at the University of Manitoba, eager to contribute to the decolonization of our campus art collections? The Indigenous Student-Led Indigenous Art Purchase Program (ISLIAPP) is seeking dedicated individuals to join our committee and make a difference in the representation of Indigenous art on campus.

**Who We're Looking For:**

* Current Indigenous students at the University of Manitoba from any faculty.
* Preference will be given to individuals who are First Nations, Métis, or Inuit.
* Knowledge and experience with Indigenous cultures, communities, protocols, and practices, as well as established community relationships, is an asset.
* An interest in art, and contemporary indigenous artists. Experience in arts related fields an asset but not necessary.

**Application Deadline:** November 9th, 2023

**We're Seeking 5-7 Members**

**Application Requirements:**

* Letter of interest (Approx. 750 words)

**Letter of Interest Should Include:**

* Your name, address, phone number & email address
* Your bio, including your home community, nation (First Nations, Metis, or Inuit), and age.
* Explanation of why you're interested in sitting on the committee.
* Your experience with art. Are you an artist, do you visit galleries, do you purchase artworks?
* Artists you're excited about now.
* Interview availability (which days of the week and time works best for you – 1hr slot)

**Program Details:**

* The ISLIAPP will run during the 2023/2024 Fall/Winter school terms and repeat in the 2024-2025 academic year.
* Committee members will engage with artists, curators, and select artworks for acquisition.
* Members will have the opportunity to visit archives, visit artists in their studios, engage in preparatory work, and learn art acquisition processes.
* Acquired artworks will be exhibited at the School of Art Gallery and displayed on campus.
* ***Committee Members will receive an honorarium***

**Project Summary:** The Indigenous Student Led Indigenous Art Purchase Program (ISLIAPP) will transform the composition of the University Art Collections by adding contemporary Indigenous art to the collection. Each year the ISLIAPP will convene a committee of 5 to 7 Indigenous students from the University of Manitoba community who will meet artists and curators, visit studios, and select artwork to be acquired by the University of Manitoba University Art Collections.

These new acquisitions of contemporary Indigenous artworks will receive an exhibition in the Collections Gallery of the School of Art Gallery. After the exhibition, the work will, as part of the University Art Collection, be placed on display on campus as possible.

This effort will begin the process of diversifying and decolonizing the University Art Collections by including contemporary Indigenous artwork in the collection. This contemporary work, selected by an Indigenous student committee, will offer a point of cultural connection to Indigenous individuals visiting the University of Manitoba campus.

**Make your mark on our campus and help transform and decolonize our art collections. Apply to be a committee member today!**

For more information visit <https://umanitoba.ca/art/ISLIAPP>

**Apply now:**

**Please Email Applications to:** justin.bear@umanitoba.ca
***OR* fill out the online application:** <https://forms.office.com/r/sHQnMccAty>

*Applicants Will Hear Back by November 17th, 2023*