

# CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: THE MELISSA LEVIN EMERGING ARTIST AWARD

## Application Deadline: Monday July 10, 2017, 12pm

**ABOUT** | Melissa Levin (1958–2015) was an artist, mentor and teacher whose career as a textile and costume designer was synonymous with her exuberant love of colour and pattern. This award was established in honour of Melissa's passion for mentoring emerging artists, with generous donations made by family, friends and communities.

[melissalevinartist.com](http://melissalevinartist.com)

If you are interested in donating to the Melissa Levin Emerging Artist Fund, please visit [textilemuseum.ca/join-support/give](http://textilemuseum.ca/join-support/give) or call 416-599-5321 x2246.

### The Melissa Levin Emerging Artist Award will help take your artistic practice to the next level:

- You will develop skills and enrich your knowledge of textiles in the context of historic and contemporary textile practices;
- You will increase your access to resources and opportunities that will support your efforts to explore, take artistic risks, and advance your practice and creative ability in ways likely to generate long-term artistic and career development.

The award is geared to help emerging artists conduct self-directed activities such as art production, apprenticeships, residencies or research. If the applicant desires, the Textile Museum of Canada will support a customized program of research, including access to the Textile Museum of Canada's library, exhibitions and permanent collection of over 13,000 global artifacts, exposing the successful applicants to new worlds of inspiration.

Two prizes of \$3000 each will be awarded to applicants with proven experience within a professional visual arts context. Applications will be assessed on the connection made between the written proposal and the direction of the applicant's art practice and previous work.

Award recipients must be prepared to present an illustrated talk at the Textile Museum of Canada on their experience, within one year of the completion of the proposed course of activity.

**WHO CAN APPLY?** | Emerging artists from all disciplines are encouraged to apply, including artist collectives and collaborative projects. Artists may be working in any medium. For the purpose of this award, an emerging artist is defined as one who has begun to make an impact in their chosen field through exhibitions, community arts engagement or public presentations, and has been practicing professionally for at least three years. Applicants must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident in Canada.

**HOW TO APPLY?** | Submit the following in ONE email to [MLEAA@textilemuseum.ca](mailto:MLEAA@textilemuseum.ca)

1. 500 word (maximum) statement on your proposed course of research and how it connects to textiles and previous/current directions of your art practice.
2. 50 word (maximum) summary of how you propose to use the funds.
3. Two-page (maximum) resume with clear indication of exhibition record, community arts engagement or public presentations in a professional context.
4. Up to 10 jpeg images (maximum 72 dpi; maximum file size of 250kb) of your work that relate to your application; or film/video clip or video documentation of work no more than 3 minutes total running time. Please provide link to on-line video.
5. Project start date and a finish date, with project completion no later than October 31, 2018.
6. Include your name, mailing address, phone number, email address and website URL.
7. Application must be received before midnight on July 1, 2017.
8. Award recipients will be notified by September 1, 2017.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**JURORS** | **Nina Levitt** is a visual artist and a professor in the Department of Visual Arts & Art History at York University. Nina initiated this program in honour of Melissa Levin, her life partner. **Pamila Matharu** is an interdisciplinary artist, educator and cultural producer based in Toronto. **Sarah Quinton** is Curatorial Director at the Textile Museum of Canada.

Please direct any questions via email to [MLEAA@textilemuseum.ca](mailto:MLEAA@textilemuseum.ca). No phone calls please.



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