



**Ms. MacKenzie Scott's Gift: President' Initiatives
Hostos Research Center**

**"Celebrating the Love of Learning"
Mural Design Contest
Call for Student Entries**

Deadline to enter is November 30, 2022

Project Overview

Hostos Community College invites students and student teams to submit design proposals to create two original murals to be displayed in the new Hostos Research Center located on the main level of the C-Building at 450 Grand Concourse ("the Contest"). Under the auspices of the "Ms. MacKenzie Scott's Gift: President's Initiatives," the mission of the Hostos Research Center is to foster academic and community-based research conducted by Hostos faculty, students, and staff, and to provide our students with an interactive and intellectually stimulating space for scholarly and professional development.

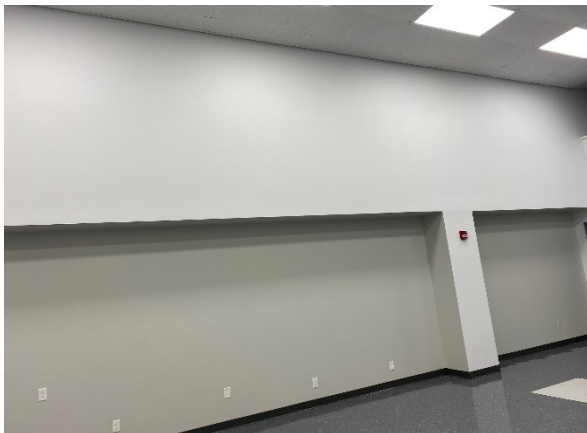
The Hostos Research Center will be housed in a beautifully renovated space that will provide faculty, staff, and students the opportunity to engage in a variety of research projects. Students will also receive mentoring from faculty and staff and have access to information on student research internships that are available at Hostos and external organizations. Additionally, the Hostos Research Center will serve as a space that promotes multi-disciplinary learning through research presentations, seminars, lectures, workshops, and other learning opportunities.

Opportunity Description and Official Rules

This opportunity is open to all Hostos Community College students from any discipline. We are inviting submissions in two-dimensional media such as painting, graphic design, and drawing (“artwork”). You can also submit a photograph of the artwork which you will eventually paint in mural form (see below for more details). Artwork incorporating a dynamic blend of media are also encouraged.

The artwork should add vibrancy to the Hostos Research Center and should reflect the artist’s visual representation for the theme “celebrating the love of learning.” We are seeking artwork that embodies the celebration of knowledge-building across disciplines and evokes the feelings and ideas that the “celebrating the love of learning” theme inspires for the artists.

Two artwork designs will be selected. Each one will eventually need to be painted on canvas measuring 21’6” x 6’6” (“the Murals”). The Murals will be displayed on two opposite interior walls of the Hostos Research Center. Contestants should note available lighting and that the wall space cannot be altered (see photos).



The Murals to be displayed on two walls (upper portion) on opposite sides of the Hostos Research Center.

21’6” (width) x 6’6” (height)



After the winning submissions are selected, the Murals must be created and completed between **January 3 - 31, 2023**. The winners will be provided space on campus to create the murals.

Prize: \$500 per selected design. Two designs will be selected. Hostos Community College (or “the College”) of the City University of New York (“CUNY”) will provide all art materials, paint supplies, and technical assistance for creation of the Murals as needed. Taxes and any other expenses not specified herein are winners’ sole responsibility.

Artist Eligibility

- Individuals and/or design teams comprised of currently enrolled students at Hostos Community College can submit proposals.
- Eligible minors must receive their parent’s or legal guardian’s permission prior to participation.
- Students from all majors are encouraged to apply.
- Submissions must be in two-dimensional media including, but not limited to, painting, graphic design, and drawing.
- Previous public art experience not required.
- Individual students and student teams may submit up to two different proposals. Additional entries received from any student or student team will be void.
- Designs must be original designs created for this selection process. Your entry must be an original work and cannot have been published or submitted for a contest previously or appeared anywhere else, and cannot contain any third party copyrighted materials unless you have permission to use those materials.
- The College reserves the right to disqualify any entry deemed inappropriate.

General Conditions

- Students who create the winning designs and murals must transfer to Hostos Community College by written agreement their copyright and other property rights in the design and mural. Hostos Community College will hold copyright in the artwork, and the physical mural will be the property of Hostos Community College. The College will have the right to remove the mural(s) or to relocate them from the Hostos Research Center to another location at its discretion.
- By entering the Contest, you accept and agree to be bound by these Official Rules. Non-compliance with any of the Official Rules may result in your disqualification and, if you are a winner, awarding of prize to an alternate winner.
- By entering the Contest, you agree that the College shall have the right to use your name; city, state and/or country of residence; and photograph and/or likeness, in any

media, as news or information for advertising, trade and promotional purposes, and for other purposes by or for the benefit of the College.

- By entering the Contest, you grant to Hostos Community College a non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual, royalty-free license to copy, distribute, perform, display, and otherwise use your entry, in whole or in part, in any media, in the College's best interest. Without limitation, you grant the College the right to place and remove entries on and from the CUNY and Hostos websites at any time, and to adapt any and all parts of the entries for use in other media, including print and physical objects.
- By entering the Contest, you (or your parent/legal guardian, if you are a minor) agree to indemnify and hold harmless Hostos Community College, CUNY, the City and State of New York, their affiliates, subsidiaries and related entities, and their respective trustees, officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents, from any claims, damages and/or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and related disbursements) arising from or related to your participation in the Contest or acceptance, use or misuse of the prize, if you are a winner, including but not limited to any claims, damages and expenses arising from or related to your actual or alleged infringement or violation of any patent, copyright, trademark, or other proprietary right.
- The College reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify, terminate or suspend the Contest should virus, bugs, non-authorized human intervention or other causes beyond the reasonable control of the College corrupt or impair the administration, security, fairness or proper play of the contest and, in any such event, select winners from those eligible non-suspect entries received prior to even requiring such modification, termination or suspension. All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply.

Jury Selection Panel: A multi-disciplinary jury panel established by the Hostos Advisory Corps will evaluate the artwork and commission two artists or artist teams. The judges will evaluate entries using the following criteria:

- Compliance with all eligibility and submission guidelines
- Creativity
- Design which best captures the motif of "celebrating the love of learning"

Timeline

October 21, 2022: Announce Mural Design Contest "Celebrating the Love of Learning"

November 1, 2022 from 3 pm to 4 pm: **Virtual Information Session**. Join [here](#) via Zoom link.

November 4 from 12 pm to 1 pm and 3 to 4 pm: Students can visit Hostos Research Center space by appointment. Contact Sofia Oviedo at soviedo@hostos.cuny.edu to make appointment.

November 30, 2022 (by 11:59 PM): Mural Design Proposals submission deadline

December 14, 2022: Prizes announced

January 3 – January 31, 2023: Murals created and installed

Early February: Murals unveiled at the Hostos Research Center

Submission Process

Individual artists and/or design teams are required to submit:

1. Student name(s), major(s), and contact information.
2. Electronic files (PDF, JPEG) of sketches, renderings, or digital illustrations representing the concept for the artwork that fairly depicts the design, color, and intent of the mural. If your artwork is hand-drawn or painted, please keep the original and send us an electronic photo at the Submission Link below.
3. Narrative explanation of the concept for the proposed mural and your artistic approach.
4. **Maximum two entries from any person/team. Additional entries received from any person and/or e-mail address will be void.** Incomplete entry forms will be disqualified. Entries become the property of CUNY and will not be returned; please keep a copy of your entry. No mechanically reproduced entries permitted. Proof of submission does not constitute proof of receipt.
5. Entries must be entered between 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on Oct. 21, 2022 and 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on Nov. 30, 2022 (the “Promotion Period”).

Submission Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/63d29dC9d4>

Please use your CUNY log-in to access submission form.

Please contact Sofia Oviedo, Research Programs Director with any questions
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