

SSFA Frequently Asked Questions & Submissions Guidelines

What is SSFA?

Every year, Dalhousie Art Gallery holds an exhibition of works by Students, Staff, Faculty and Alumni of Dalhousie University & the University of King's College.

Who is eligible to submit artwork?

Students, staff, faculty and alumni of Dalhousie University and the University of King's College are invited to submit works to the exhibition. Students of other institutions are not eligible to make submissions.

Can I submit a printed copy of the submission form?

No, only digital submission forms will be accepted. If you require assistance, Gallery Staff can help you fill out a digital form in the gallery during the artwork drop-off period.

How many artworks can I submit?

Two artworks maximum may be submitted. However, Dalhousie Art Gallery reserves the right to not show all artworks in the event that space becomes limited.

Can I submit the same work I submitted last year?

No, artworks that have been in any previous SSFA exhibitions will not be accepted.

Can I submit a reproduction of another artwork?

No, all works must be original. Photomechanical reproductions or photocopies of works originally conceived and executed in another medium are not acceptable unless part of a completely new work (eg. collage).

Can I submit a video?

Yes, video works are eligible. They should be submitted in MP4 format via digital transfer (gallery@dal.ca) or brought in on a USB.

How do I prepare my artwork for drop-off?

All artworks and packaging must be labeled with your name. Please also ensure that all artwork is ready to install: wall works must have hanging hardware (hook/wire) on the back, 3D pieces must be stable on a flat surface or provided with an appropriate display stand; installation works must be submitted with all components and instructions.

What happens if my artwork is damaged or stolen?

Dalhousie Art Gallery will take every possible precaution to secure works. However, there will be no insurance coverage for this exhibition.

How and when do I get my artwork to you and get it back?

All artwork must be dropped off and later picked up at the Gallery during the posted timeframes (visit our website for this year's dates/times). We are unable to arrange pick-ups or drop-offs. Please ensure your artworks have your name, title, email, and phone number securely attached. The Gallery is not responsible for artworks left unclaimed one month after the exhibition closes.

Can I pick up my artwork before the end of the exhibition?

No, all artworks must remain on exhibit for the duration of the exhibition and cannot be picked up prior.

What is the best way to stay updated about the SSFA exhibition?

Updates will be posted on our website, social media channels and e-newsletter. We encourage artists to share pictures on their social media and websites. Tag us in any social media posts so we can share them!