The Irma Giustino Weiss Cultural Enrichment Fellowship Program

The Irma Giustino Weiss Cultural Enrichment Fellowship Program at THE COOPER UNION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART was developed to provide extraordinary access to cultural resources for exceptional students who seek a deeper understanding of the context of art and architecture. Endowed by Mrs. Irma Giustino Weiss, a 1945 alumna of The Cooper Union School of Art, this unique program offers broad opportunities to enhance the undergraduate experience of high-achieving, highly motivated students, beginning in the freshman year. Throughout their years at The Cooper Union, Irma Giustino Weiss Fellows will take part in a focused exploration of cultural riches, including visits to museums, concerts, theater, specialized libraries and historical sites.

2012-2013
Program Description

Irma Giustino Weiss Fellows will be selected in a rigorous process by a Selection and Stewardship Committee in the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development in consultation with the Dean of the School of Art and the Dean of the Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture. Chosen for their academic achievement, creativity, motivation, leadership and character, Irma Giustino Weiss Fellows will meet with their Deans to plan and implement each year’s program: exhibitions at museums and galleries; dance, music and theatrical performances; and tours of important architectural and historical sites.

Conditions of Eligibility

To be considered for enrollment in The Irma Giustino Weiss Cultural Enrichment Fellowship Program, a student must:

- Be an entering first year student in the 2012-2013 academic year; **NOTE: For the 2012-2013 academic year only, applications will be accepted from second year students;**
- Demonstrate excellent academic achievement;
- Provide an essay or statement of no more than 200 words outlining the reasons why he/she should be considered for participation in the program and how the cultural experiences that the program provides will enhance his/her education and future life choices;
- Preference will be given to candidates who completed a majority of their primary and secondary education in the United States and have been residents of New York City or the United States for at least ten (10) years prior to matriculating at The Cooper Union.

Privacy Act Advisory Statement

Pursuant to the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-597) please be advised: Public Law 99-661 authorizes solicitation of the information that will be used to select the Irma Giustino Weiss Fellows. The information may also be used to publicize student selection as an Irma Giustino Weiss Fellow. Furnishing the information is voluntary; however, failure to do so will prevent selection as an Irma Giustino Weiss Fellow.

Application Deadline

Applications must be submitted by November 30, 2012 to:

Rachel Sommer  
Office of Alumni Affairs and Development  
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art  
30 Cooper Square, 8th Floor  
New York, NY 10003

The Selection Committee will not review late applications.
Instructions

Please complete and sign the Irma Giustino Weiss Cultural Enrichment Fellowship Program Application Form for 2012-2013 and attach the required typed essay of no more than 200 words.

Notification of Program Participation

Applicants will be notified in writing before the completion of the Fall 2012 semester, whether or not they have been selected to participate in The Irma Giustino Weiss Cultural Enrichment Fellowship Program. Those selected must, in turn, agree in writing to participate.

Fellowship Renewal

At the beginning of each fall semester, Fellows who wish to continue in the Irma Giustino Weiss Cultural Enrichment Program must submit a statement describing how participation enhanced their overall educational experience. Those in good academic standing who demonstrate significant benefit from the program will be eligible for renewal. Those who do not continue in the program may be replaced at the discretion of the Committee.

Special Future Consideration

Irma Giustino Weiss Fellows who demonstrate that they have derived the greatest benefits from the program, both culturally and scholastically, will be given special consideration in the selection process for the Irma Giustino Weiss Prize. The Prize—a substantial monetary award ($15,000)—is given to the Cooper Union graduate, upon receipt of a bachelor’s degree in art or architecture, who demonstrates the greatest potential for future success, based upon accomplishment while at The Cooper Union.
Application

APPLICANT’S STATEMENT

I, ________________________________, understand that I am applying for The Irma Giustino Weiss Cultural Enrichment Fellowship Program and affirm my wish to be considered. Permission is hereby given to the Registrar of The Cooper Union to release my admissions application to the Selection Committee. I understand that this application will be available only to qualified people who need to see it in the course of their duties.

I affirm that the information contained herein is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date          Signature

Name

School

Address

City/State/Zip

Telephone

E-mail

In a typed essay of no more than 200 words, please describe the reasons why you should be considered for The Irma Giustino Weiss Cultural Enrichment Fellowship Program, how it strengthened your interest in The Cooper Union, and how participation in the cultural experiences that the program provides might enhance your education and life choices.