



Estonian American Discovery Awards

Call Type: Award

Eligibility: International Creators with Baltic Heritage or Ethnicity

Entry Deadline: 10/1/21

Awards Announced: 12/1/21

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GUIDELINES

About the Estonian American Discovery Awards

The Estonian American Discovery Award was established in 2020 by the Estonian American Discovery Foundation and is dedicated to supporting discovery and invention in culture, science, humanities and history by Baltic and/or Baltic Heritage artists, filmmakers, performers, scientists, researchers, educators and inventors of all kinds.

In times of great change, such as during a pandemic, funding of creative growth and discovery is vital. A classic example of this is Isaac Newton, who created major new insights across vital areas of mathematics and physics as a partial result of his isolation during the plague of 1665.

While usually made with hard work and dedication, discoveries are often made by accident, through trial and error, and sometimes when a completely alternative result is desired. This means that often important achievements are overlooked, under appreciated, or not adequately sought. The Estonian American Discovery Awards are meant to begin to address these realities.

As such, these Award incentives are to be utilized by innovators for the development, production and marketing of ideas and that can provide a better, safer and more productive world, and awarded by a prestigious rotating Advisory Board on an ongoing basis.

It is the wish of the Estonian American Discovery Foundation (EADF), as well as the Venice Institute of Contemporary Art (VICA) and the Estonian American Business Alliance (EABA), to participate in the success of these Awards. Successful Award winners will be encouraged to partner with us from development through marketing of their discoveries, at the discretion of the EADA.

The Estonian American Discovery Award is administered and funded by the Venice Institute of Contemporary Art and the Estonian American Business Alliance, as well as through generous gifts from our partners.

Three (3) Awards will be awarded to three applicants annually in the amount of \$1000, \$500, and \$350, each awarded for one of (or a combination of) the following disciplines: Culture, Science, Humanities, and History, or for disciplines not easily defined, or described here.

Baltic Heritage and/or Ethnicity = Citizens of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, and/or any persons of Baltic heritage and/or ethnicity worldwide.

Heritage: defined as a unique sense of family identity and the values, traditions, culture and artifacts handed to a person by previous generations.

Ethnicity: defined by commonalities such as racial, national, tribal, religious, linguistic, or cultural origin, and can be learned.

The Application Deadline is Friday, October 1, 2021 at 9:59 p.m. PDT

Eligibility

Participation is available to artists, filmmakers, performers, scientists, educators and inventors of all kinds pursuing their discoveries.

Applicants (or group applicants) must:

- Be a of Baltic heritage or ethnicity as delineated above.
- Anyone 18 years of age or older is eligible
- Be willing to allow ViCA/EABA on behalf of the Estonian American Discovery Awards to display imagery and a description of the project and information on the applicants online for promotion of the Award and to further the success of the individuals involved.
- Be required to check in with EADF periodically throughout the grant period.
- Read all official guidelines for participation and eligibility in the EADF Awards and follow them as delineated above and in the Application below.
(Feel free to contact us with any questions by email)

Applicants may:

- Apply as an individual, or a collaborative group, or organization.
- 50% of group/organization members must be of Baltic heritage or ethnicity.
- Anyone 18 years of age or older is eligible to be a team member.

To Apply

Read the program guidelines carefully. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants must complete and submit the application below, including uploading a resume and if possible (but not required) examples of prior work.

Entry Fee: \$25 payable electronically via Pay Pal/Venmo: PayPal.Me/veniceica or Venmo: @JuriKoll

Hardship Fee Waiver: If you are currently in financial hardship due to economic or other factors and cannot afford to pay the fee, please write us a letter to juri@veniceica.org explaining your reasons and we will answer promptly.

Review Criteria

A panel will review applications using the following criteria:

1. Potential impact on the goals defined by the applicant.
2. Potential impact on the quality of life of people
3. Overall presentation

Review Process

EADF Staff will review applications for completeness. A panel comprised of knowledgeable people in the disciplines being awarded will review the qualified applications. The decision of the panel with respect to all aspects of the Award competition shall be final. Award winners notified on November 1, 2021. Awards Announced on December 1, 2021.

Fellowship Requirements

Recipients must:

- Complete the scope of work applied for and expend the fellowship funds by December 30, 2022. It is required that all funds not used by December 30, 2022 be returned to EADF.
- Provide a letter and examples of work product to the Estonian American Discovery Foundation by January 30, 2023 with a description of how the award supported your work.

EADA Application

Organization Name (if applicable): _____

Individuals: _____

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Discipline: ___Culture ___Science ___Humanities ___History

___Other (Please Describe: _____

Goal(s):

Description. With an Award, what actions will you take to achieve the above stated Goal(s)? If an Award will help follow on previous work, please indicate here and be as detailed as you wish. (description document can be attached to this application if desired - please so indicate)

Budget. Please provide a budget for each Award Level amount (\$1000, \$500, \$350) for use of funds (budget document can be attached to this application if desired - please so indicate)

Please Attach: Your current resume or CV to this entire document
Please attach Work Samples if available. Criteria:

Work Sample Requirements:

- Work samples should reflect work completed within the last two years.
- Please attach CV, and work samples (if available), into one PDF file.
- Applicants must include their name, contact information and discipline category - either Culture, Science, Humanities, or History (or interdisciplinary) on the first page of their work sample document if it is unattached to the CV. If the discipline is not easily defined, or described here, indicate Discipline: Other and describe it succinctly as above.
- Image limit: 20 images
- Video links: Length Limit: 15 minutes

We wish you all the best of luck in your endeavors to discover!

The EADF Team