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TO: College of Liberal Arts Department Chairs, Graduate Advisers and Graduate Students

FROM: Patricia D. Witherspoon
Dean

SUBJECT: Call for Applications – Tom Lea Graduate Research Fellowship

The College of Liberal Arts is proud to announce the establishment of the Tom Lea Graduate Research Fellowship Program, named for the nationally-known artist and author whose work graced the Paso del Norte region and many national venues. The award has been established by Donald and Adair Margo, distinguished citizens of El Paso, who have dedicated their lives to public service and appreciation of the art and culture of our region. Adair Margo is director of the Tom Lea Institute.

Selected candidates must use the fellowship award to support graduate research in studies of art history or literary history and culture in the Paso del Norte region. Recipients must present their research in October, 2014, during Tom Lea Month, which is celebrated throughout Texas. All funds must be spent by December 31, 2014.

There will be two fellowships awarded in 2014, for $1,000 each.

To be considered for this award, applicants must complete and submit the application form provided below by April 21, 2014. The selection process will be performed by a committee of Liberal Arts faculty and the recipients for 2014 will be announced on May 1, 2014.

Please disseminate this notice to qualified applicants so that we can identify the most worthy students.
Tom Lea Graduate Research Fellowship
APPLICATION FORM
(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Name: _________________________ ID#: __________ Email: _____________________

Describe your current research/creative activities and progress towards completion of your graduate degree, current source of funding, and anticipated graduation date.
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Why do you believe you are a worthy recipient of this award? (Provide proof of outstanding academic and research achievement)
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What is your long-term professional goal? What are you currently doing to achieve that goal?
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If awarded, what do you intend to do with this fellowship?
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SIGNATURE: _________________________ DATE: _________________________

(See next page.)
Please provide two letters of recommendation (in sealed envelopes) that emphasize your current academic and research achievements. Additionally, in the space below, describe your research plan and your potential for future career success. Please attach a current curriculum vita as well as a budget for your research and a timeline. Return your complete application package to Estella Estrada, Liberal Arts 343, Office of the Dean, College of Liberal Arts.