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Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation marks 10th anniversary with art competition

New NSCAD University student award explores link between art and health

(Halifax, March 1, 2010) To mark its 10th anniversary, the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation (NSHRF) has established a one-time competition for NSCAD University students. The NSHRF Art Award -designed to develop a fuller understanding of the integration of art and science – will offer \$10,000 in prizes: \$5000 for first place, \$3000 for second place and \$2000 for third place.

Using as its theme “The synergy of art and health for mind and body,” the NSHRF Art Award competition is open to any full-time graduate or undergraduate student in sculpture, design, drawing, painting, jewellery, metalsmithing, textiles, photography, printmaking and ceramics.

The winning pieces will go on permanent display in the NSHRF office in Halifax.

“We are delighted that the NSHRF has chosen to involve our students in commemorating this important anniversary,” says David B. Smith, NSCAD University President. “Not only is this an opportunity to demonstrate how art and science can work together, but the profile generated for our students by this competition helps establish their credibility as rising young artists.”

“This award is a highlight of our 10th anniversary celebrations and the Foundation wanted to emphasize the linkages between art and science,” says Krista Connell, NSHRF Chief Executive Officer. “The NSHRF is thrilled to partner with NSCAD to offer this unique opportunity for their students to learn about the Foundation and work we do.”

Winners of the NSHRF Art in Health Award Competition will be announced at the NSCAD University 2010 Graduation and Commencement Ceremony, scheduled for Saturday, May 15.

One of North America’s premier universities of the visual arts, NSCAD University educates the creative leaders of tomorrow. Founded in 1887, NSCAD offers graduate and undergraduate degrees in fine arts, design, craft and media arts.

The mission of the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation is to improve the health of Nova Scotians through health research. The Foundation's goal is to assist, collaborate with, and fund individuals and organizations conducting health research in Nova Scotia.

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