

ATTENTION JUNIOR SCREEN MAJORS

You are invited to submit applications for the 2023 Simpkins Award for Screen Studies.

The Simpkins award for Screen Studies has been endowed to assist undergraduate students with the expenses incurred in completing an advanced project. This project could be a film production and/or a piece of written research. Students could use the money for books, travel, equipment, or whatever they need that the faculty deem worthy. Applicants should possess high academic ability in the field of screen studies and exceptional character, with an intention to pursue a career in screen production or higher education in screen studies.

This generous award has been established in memory of Jason Michael Simpkins, who graduated from Clark University in 2005 with a major in Screen Studies and went on to pursue graduate film studies at the University of Kent, UK.

In order to be considered for the 2023 award, please address a letter of application to the Director of the Screen Studies Program. The letter must arrive no later than noon on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Applicants must secure the participation of a faculty sponsor in the V&PA department who will to oversee the project. Your letter of application should state the specific goals of your project, how you feel the project will benefit your future career, an itemized cost for the project, and a letter of recommendation from your faculty sponsor. Please be as specific as you can, itemizing your anticipated expenses. The amount of the award will vary from year to year. All submissions will be reviewed by full-time faculty in the Screen Studies Program, and the award winner(s) will be announced prior to a screening of student film during the V&PA senior show in late Spring 2023.

The project may optionally be tied to a student's senior capstone course or honors project and will culminate in a public presentation of the recipient's work. Awards shall be made to students at the beginning of their senior year for projects to be conducted during that year. Questions about the application process may be directed to any member of the Screen Studies faculty.

The deadline for all letters is noon on April 1, 2023, and none will be accepted after that date.

Send all materials to hmanon@clarku.edu.