

Work Sample Requirements

In order for applications to be considered by MacDowell's admissions panels, applicants within each discipline must adhere to the following work sample requirements.

- All submitted work samples should have been **completed within the past four years, unless otherwise noted**. A note of explanation should accompany any work sample completed outside of this timeframe.
- Any work done with a collaborator must be noted. Please describe your role with respect to the work.
- Work Samples are submitted by uploading media within the online application.

For technical support regarding any of the media requirements, please see the Help page on the SlideRoom application or contact support@slideroom.com.

Architecture & Landscape Architecture

If proposing design work:

- Upload 10 images of work completed within the past two years, along with an explanation of significant features. File size for each image cannot exceed 5 MB.
- Upload a PDF file of a one-page Executive Summary of your CV.

If proposing to write:

- Upload a PDF file of a 10-page writing sample completed within the past two years, related as closely as possible to the proposed project. File size cannot exceed 10 MB.
- Upload a PDF file of a one-page Executive Summary of your CV.

Film/Video Arts

Submit two different film or video samples.

Filmmakers/Video artists:

- Feature Length:
 - For feature length or films that exceed five minutes, upload two 5-minute excerpts. Files cannot exceed 120 MB each.
 - In addition, if the full work is available online through your personal website or on [vimeo.com](https://www.vimeo.com), please list the location (webpage/URL) on the Film Video Discipline page of the application.
- Shorts:
 - Upload up to four 5-minute videos. Files cannot exceed 120 MB each.

Screenwriters:

- Upload a PDF file of a full screenplay. File cannot exceed 10 MB.
- Upload a PDF file of a one-page summary of the **same** screenplay.

- Upload a five-minute visual sample, if available. The visual sample can be of the same project or another project. File cannot exceed 120 MB.

Interdisciplinary Arts

Work samples should demonstrate the interdisciplinary nature of your work and clearly convey the context in which the work was presented.

Submit documentation of two different projects, not to exceed two of the following:

- 8 images. Files cannot exceed 5 MB each.
- 2 videos - maximum of 8 minutes. Files cannot exceed 60 MB each.
- 2 PDF files - maximum of 20 pages. Files cannot exceed 10 MB each.
- 4 MP3s - maximum of 8 minutes. Files cannot exceed 30 MB each.

Literature

Submit a writing sample of completed work or work-in-progress. Your name and the title of the piece should appear on the top of each uploaded file.

Upload a PDF file in manuscript format, double-spaced, and in an easily readable, 10- or 12-point font. Files cannot exceed 10 MB each.

- Fiction writers: 15 pages minimum, no more than 25 pages total.
- Nonfiction writers: 15 pages minimum, no more than 25 pages total.
- Poets: 6-10 poems in ONE PDF document. Poets do not need to double-space their submissions.
- Translators: Only those translating work into English are eligible to apply. Following the guidelines above, upload an excerpt of the work in its original language along with the English translation.

For instructions on saving a Word document as a PDF, please use the instructions listed on the Add Media page of the SlideRoom application or contact support@slideroom.com.

Music Composition

Submit documentation of two different works, at least one of which was completed within the last four years, with recording and score, as directed below.

Upload an audio recording of each work:

- One track per piece, or per movement, or per excerpt (no more than **six** tracks per work).
- Please title the audio file to correspond with the title (and movement) of the score.
- Audio files are limited to 30 MB in size. Larger files may be excerpted. **Please mark the excerpt location in the accompanying score.**

Mail two copies each of two bound scores:

- In addition to (not in lieu of) mailing the physical scores, composers may also upload a PDF file of the submitted materials. Please title the PDF of the score or lead sheet to correspond with the title of the audio file.

- Composers who do not use traditional scores should upload a PDF describing the transmission/performance method of their work, in the work sample section of the application.

After completing the application online, please mail the scores to The MacDowell Colony: 100 High Street, Peterborough, NH 03458. Scores are due one week after deadline.

Theatre

Submit a writing sample of a completed work. Do not submit a work-in-progress.

Playwrights:

- Upload a PDF file of a full play script. File cannot exceed 10 MB.
- Upload a PDF file of a twenty-page excerpt from the same script.

Librettists:

- Upload a PDF file of a full or excerpted book. File cannot exceed 10 MB.
- Upload an audio recording: limit of three audio tracks. Files cannot exceed 30 MB each.

In addition to (not in lieu of), playwrights and librettists may include video, if the visual will enhance the written work sample. Limit: one video, maximum 10 minutes. File size cannot exceed 60 MB.

Visual Arts

Submit examples of your visual artwork. If your work contains video, performance, sound, or other time-based elements please contact the admissions department before applying.

Upload eight digital images:

- File size for each image cannot exceed 5 MB.
- Only one artwork per image.
- Two of the eight images may be detail shots, installation views, or video, when appropriate.