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$150K Windgate Charitable Foundation grant funds visiting senior fellowship at Herron School of Art and Design

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Graduate student Shelley Spicuzza, at left, and senior John Brammer discussing a project in front of a CNC router—representative of the people and environment the new Windgate Fellow will work with at Herron School of Art and Design. (image credit Herron staff)

The Windgate Charitable Foundation has granted $150,000 spanning two years to Herron School of Art and Design to fund a visiting senior fellowship, the first of its kind at the school.

The Windgate Visiting Senior Fellow program will create an important resource for expanding Herron’s expertise in emerging digital technologies and contemporary craft, while providing an opportunity for the individual who holds the fellowship to develop as an artist, faculty member and researcher.

The school is actively seeking applicants for the position. The ten-month appointment will begin in August 2015, with an option to renew for a second year.

“This Windgate Foundation support for faculty development and research is very important,” said Cory Robinson, Herron’s fine art department chair and
associate professor of furniture design. “It is my hope that we will see a pool of candidates who could also serve to bridge our brand new Think It Make It Lab for digital fabrication and prototyping to the curriculum by way of their own unique experiences in digital fabrication techniques as applied to studio practice.”

The Windgate Visiting Senior Fellow will:

• Teach four undergraduate and or graduate level courses per academic year
• Collaborate with colleagues to advancing studio fine arts curriculum
• Bring new perspectives, personal experiences and innovative techniques to the program
• Contribute to the culture of Herron as an open, creative and academically rigorous place, and
• Conduct scholarly research in his or her area of expertise.

The qualified candidate will:

• Hold an MFA degree in studio arts
• Have three-to-five years of significant contributions post-MFA in their field
• Possess experience teaching in a university setting.

The position includes salary, full-time employee benefits, an annual research stipend, exhibition support and studio space.

The Wingate Charitable Foundation is a private grant making foundation established in 1993.

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