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Public Work of Art / Request for Proposals

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**University of Rochester is pleased to announce a national request for proposals for a permanent public work of outdoor art.**

The University of Rochester has issued a national request for proposals that will result in a permanent outdoor art installation on the North end of its River Campus. The request, directed primarily at experienced artists who make site-specific art – art mindful of its environment and surroundings and their histories – will connect to the university’s mission to “Learn, Discover, Heal, Create – and make the World Ever Better.”

The artwork will be selected through a phased application process that will include community input in its final stages. The artwork will be installed at the intersection of several heavily trafficked walkways adjacent Sage Art Center; it is the final step in the completion of Jackson Court and O’Brien Hall, the University’s most recently constructed community gathering area and residential building. Depending on the scale of the selected work, it could potentially be seen at a distance from the stadium or even the trail along the Genesee River.

Allen C. Topolski, an Associate Professor of Art in the Art and Art History Department who is organizing the call is hoping for a wide array of proposals that offer sculptural element(s), single or multiple pieces, interactive or kinetic interventions or even material interventions that creatively alter the landscape.

The north end of River Campus is a pedestrian and commuter gateway for the Rochester community. Sage Art Center houses the Studio Art Program of the Art and Art History Department and along with Anderson, Wilder and the newly constructed O’Brien Hall it forms Jackson Court – a campus community park/space with tables, benches and a fire-place. The Program of Dance and Movement has Studios in O’Brien Hall as well as Spurrier Gym

which is adjacent the campus's athletic fields and just across from Sage over the lawn and wooded hillside. A detailed description of the site and a link to the application can be found at <http://www.rochester.edu/arts/commission/>

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