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Hunter College, School of Arts and Sciences - Academic Excellence Fees for Graduate Programs:

RESOLVED, that The City University of New York adopt a schedule of academic excellence fees for students in Master of Fine Arts program in the School of Arts and Sciences at Hunter College, effective with the Spring 2015 semester and as detailed below:

Masters of Fine Arts Programs in Studio Art

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| Resident Full-time students: | \$40 per credit |
| Resident Part-time students: | \$40 per credit |
| Non Resident Full-time students: | \$40 per credit |
| Non Resident Part-time students: | \$40 per credit |

EXPLANATION: The Hunter College MFA Program in Studio Art is one of the most highly selective programs in the nation. The challenges of incorporating into the program rapid advancements in art-related technologies and offering focused training for students make it critical to have an academic excellence fee to reinvest in the program. The College will continue to administer financial aid to assist students with the completion of their studies, and to bear the basic operating cost of studio art facilities.

The program is highly competitive, due to its excellent programming and its affordability when compared to other leading East Coast MFA programs. This unique blend of quality education and low cost attracts a diverse and exceptional student body.

The AEF will provide additional resources, particularly for equipment and for special programs like lectures and panel discussions. Furthermore, the fee-generated revenue will support the purchase of course materials and leverage the purchasing power of the College to reduce prices paid. Lastly, the fee can be used to raise the profile of the program and its students, a key element in giving them a market advantage in a competitive environment.