Basic Detail Report



placed on the head of a sculpture.

Dimensions

 $6 1/4 \times 6 \times 5 13/16$ in.

Tsongkhapa (1357-1419)

Date

16th century

Medium

Silver, copper, and enamel with semiprecious stones and pigments

Description

This sculpture depicts the founding teacher of Geluk Tibetan Buddhist tradition according to descriptions given in biographies written close to the master's lifetime. He was said to have a large head, round face with wide forehead, a V-shaped hairline, and a prominent nose. His usual attributes are his monastic robes, hands held at the heart, and a sword and a book resting on lotuses above his shoulders. He is also often depicted wearing a yellow hat, which sometimes is an added miniature textile hat