

Residency Description

Overview: The Arkansas Tech University Department of Art is accepting applications for two full-time, 5-month, positions as Windgate Artists in Residence. Selected residents will be offered one of the following terms: Fall 2021 semester or Spring 2022 semester. The resident will have the use of a large personal studio space, the assistance of an internship student, and a living space in student housing.

The artist selected for Fall 2021 will complete a project in any medium engaging the local community as well as the university. The selected artist for Spring 2022 will complete a public sculpture that will be placed on the ATU campus. While part of the residency program, the selected artists will teach one course in the Department of Art at ATU. The AIR program at ATU is an immersive experience within an art and educational community. AIR is a program intended to advance the careers of practicing artists, present the residents as role models for the ATU community, and to strengthen the public's awareness toward the significance of making art and its effect on the surrounding community. The AIR programs welcome both emerging and established artists and creatives from a variety of disciplines. *The A-I-R program is supported by a generous grant from the Windgate Charitable Foundation.*

Expectations: Residents must be artists with significant exhibition records, strong communication skills, sustained studio practice, and a desire to engage with the larger campus community. This involvement includes guest lecturing in a class, giving public talks, providing mentorship to students, participating in open studios and/or collaborating with faculty and students. The residents will also teach one course for the Department of Art in their specialized area during the semester. (Degrees and programs at Department of Art: <https://www.atu.edu/art/index.php#artdegrees>) Artists are expected to commit as a full-time resident for the specific term of the residency.

Fall 2021 Term Project: The resident artist will create an artwork to be exhibited on campus and/or in a local public space in Russellville, AR. We are open to proposals for a wide range of projects that will be completed during the residency term, however, the project must involve university students and the local community. Contemporary art practice such as socially engaged art, experimental arts, and performing arts are encouraged to apply. The resident artist will have the help of a 250-hour internship student. Residency applicants should submit a proposal outlining what they might like to do as part of a community collaboration.

Spring 2022 Term Project: The resident artist will create a permanent public artwork to be installed on the ATU campus. Possible location images are available upon request. The artist will work with the ATU facility department for foundation planning and building. The final project must be completed and installed on campus by the end of the residency period.

Qualifications: Practicing visual artists with experience producing large-scale paintings. Proven record of consistent professional achievements and exhibitions. Creative practice of three or more years in the professional field. MFA, MA degree in Visual Arts or equivalent degree

Open Call deadline ends May 15, 2021. **Finalists announced** end of May, 2021. **Interviews** between June 1-4. **Artist Announced** on June 6, 2021.

Application: Submit a single PDF document that includes:

A one-page written description of the project proposal outlining the theme and creation process indicating which residency period you are applying for. (Fall 2021 or Spring 2022)

A drawing/diagram showing the proposed design.

A general budget for materials and costs.

Resume, including courses taught.

Artist statement relative to community outreach.

15-20 images of your work or 3 video/media projects.*

The selection will be made based on the quality of the artwork, the project proposal and potential for working with the community.

Residency Term:

Fall 2021 term: August 11 - December 11, 2021

Budget Fall 2021 term:

Stipend: \$25,000

Supplies: \$5,000

Spring 2022 term: January 3 - May 30, 2021

Budget Spring 2022 term:

Stipend: \$20,000

Supplies: \$10,000

Additional compensation will be awarded for teaching the one course in the Department of Art.

Housing: a two-bedroom apartment in student housing will be provided

Studio space: a large and dedicated studio space off-campus will be provided for studio practice.

Artists must have their own transportation; meals will not be provided but there are on-campus dining options.

Facilities: Artist will have access to the ATU facilities (*see below*) necessary to complete their project as well as the personal studio space.

Wood Shop—miller saw, table saw, band saw, planer, sander, etc.

Sculpture Workspace—MIG, Arc, furnace for aluminum and bronze, some equipment for glass fusing

Kilns—Gas, electric

Graphic Design Studio—Mac lab

Gaming Studio—Windows PC lab, 3-D printers, gaming equipment

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** A portfolio consisting of no more than 20 images and or media samples with brief descriptions inserted below each image. The images should have a resolution of 72 dpi and a maximum measurement of 1024px on the longest side. Please organize your documents, images including descriptions in PowerPoint, Keynote or Google slides and export the portfolio into a single PDF file that is not more than 15 MB. Before submitting, please review the images for consistency of image size and legibility. To include video and audio files use YouTube and Vimeo links, please limit videos to under three minutes in duration.*

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Applications or questions should be emailed to: Ms. Lyn Brands, lbrands@atu.edu, by May 15, 2021.