

Indigenous Artist-in-Residence in Studio Art

School of Fine Art and Music
College of Arts
University of Guelph

Call for Applications

Date Posted: January 2020

~~Deadline: March 1, 2020~~

Extended Deadline: March 15, 2020

Project Description

The University of Guelph is requesting applications from professional artists for the Indigenous Artist-in-Residence program. This is an opportunity for a First Nations, Inuit, Métis, Native American, Alaskan Native or Native Hawaiian artist to develop artwork, engage with the university community and the residents of Guelph and region throughout the duration of the residency.

The University of Guelph Indigenous Artist-in-Residence will be situated in the School of Fine Arts and Music for one semester beginning September 1, 2020 and will be supported with suitable office/workspace, administrative support, communications support, technical support etc. The artist will have access to the facilities offered in studio art. The Artist-in-Residence will meet with students, faculty, staff and community, participating in the activities of the Department.

Local Context

The University of Guelph resides on the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit and the lands of the Dish with One Spoon. The University is committed to supporting and enhancing the engagement of First Nations, Métis and Inuit learners, scholars and communities in post-secondary education and research. There are numerous campus initiatives actively working toward decolonization and developing spaces for the inclusion of Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing.

The University of Guelph is a learner-centered and research-intensive university renowned as Canada's Food University for its agricultural roots and dedication to sustainability initiatives. The University's Arboretum, with 8.2 kilometres of trail over 165 hectares, is used by the on-campus and off-campus community as an outdoor learning space with medicinal and tea gardens tended to by the local community. On campus there is an engaged Aboriginal Student Association with undergraduate and graduate student representatives, as well as an Aboriginal Resource Centre that will offer support during the residency. The Art Gallery of Guelph, located on the university campus, has a substantial collection of Indigenous artworks and the artist in residence will have access to these collections.

Budget

The overall budget allotted to this project is \$25,000 (inclusive of taxes). This budget will support materials, travel, accommodation, artist fees and costs related to the project.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated by the Selection Panel, which includes Indigenous representation, on the basis of artistic merit, expressed written interest and submission materials listed below.

Submission Check List

1. Curriculum Vitae (PDF)
2. Contact information (Full name, address, email, phone number, website)
3. Artist Statement (Approx. 250 Word - PDF): Please include how you position yourself as an Indigenous artist.
4. Project Proposal (Approx. 550 Word - PDF)
5. Proposed Community Engagement Activities (Approx. 250 Word - PDF): This could include (but is not limited to) artist talks, workshops, seminars, studio visits, and other outreach activities.
6. Portfolio: Please submit 10 original works, which could include:
 - Image files; submitted as JPG or PDF (Maximum file size of 5MB)
 - Audio files; submitted as MP3 or MP4
 - Video files; submitted as AVI, MOV, MPEG, MP4, Vimeo Link
7. Portfolio works list: title, date, scale, and description (PDF)
8. Up to three published support materials such as exhibition brochures, reviews, articles etc. (Optional)

Timeline

Call to Artists Opens: January 2020

Deadline for Submissions: March 1, 2020

Selected Applicant Notified: April 1, 2020

Proposed Start Date: September 1, 2020

Proposed End Date: December 31, 2020

Applications should be submitted electronically to:

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