Yorath House Artist Studio

Studio Artist Placement Pilot 2020
Call for Artists

The Edmonton Arts Council is inviting artists in a variety of disciplines and mediums, residing in Edmonton, to submit an expression of interest to become one of the first artists at the Yorath House Artist Studio. This project is a partnership between the Edmonton Arts Council, the City of Edmonton, and the City Arts Centre.

The selected artists will have access to the studio for an anticipated series of paid eight-week placements (terms negotiable/flexible). Over the course of this pilot project, the Edmonton Arts Council and City of Edmonton will endeavour to place up to 10 Artists in the Yorath House Studio over a duration of up to 18 months.

Yorath House is one of the City's newest rental facilities. It is nestled against the North Saskatchewan River in Buena Vista Park, adjacent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park and the Edmonton Valley Zoo, in Amiskwacîwâskahikan, Edmonton, on Treaty 6 territory. Built in 1949, the two-storey family home was occupied by the Yorath family until 1992, when it was sold to the City. The redeveloped house includes an accessible, second floor multi-purpose artist studio space.

Photos by Jenika Sobolewska and Tom Arban

For more information about Yorath House, including photos, please visit the City of Edmonton Website.
The artists must commit to active use of the Studio on a full-time or equivalent basis and will be expected to engage in some connected public work in partnership with the City Arts Centre. The Artist will also be expected to respond to opportunities to involve City staff and other community members.

Creative studio artists in any number of disciplines will be considered, including but not limited to visual arts and fine craft, writing, composing, and filmmaking. Shared working arrangements and/or collaborations between multiple artists are possible and encouraged when appropriate.

Yorath House is located at 13110 Buena Vista Road. The Studio is in a multi-use setting and will not support noisy, large-scale, or environmentally hazardous work. The Studio is a secure, accessible space, with natural light, and running water. The artists will be encouraged to make use of the park and public spaces surrounding Yorath House as well as the Studio.

Representatives from the Edmonton Arts Council, The City of Edmonton, and the City Arts Centre will review the submissions and select artists for further consideration and discussion. This may include an interview process. Emphasis will be placed on finding individuals with strong artistic work, an ability to engage in artistic work with and around non-artists, and good potential to advance their artistic work in the available space/time.

The Edmonton Arts Council is committed to equity in all aspects of its work and invites proposals from all interested artists. This pilot project is intended to attract artists in a wide variety of practices, creative fields and cultural contexts.

To respond to this call, interested artists should provide a letter of interest and résumé/CV. In their proposal they should refer to some of the following items:

- The focus of their previous artistic work, and current topics or areas of artistic interest
- Their public exhibition or presentation record
- Previous experience engaging in artistic work with and around non-artists
- Potential avenues of artistic exploration for this residency
- Examples of the artist’s experience in organizing and mounting a successful showing of artistic work

The candidate should provide 10-15 examples of their recent work, using an appropriate digital format, preferably a link to an applicant’s website, dropbox, or other online resource.
The Edmonton Arts Council has estimated $6,000 for artist remuneration based on an eight-week placement. The final schedule, terms, and amounts are flexible and subject to negotiation. The Studio will be available for the Artists’ use at no cost.

This initiative is sponsored by the Edmonton Arts Council and the City of Edmonton.

Please respond with the noted cover letter, résumé/CV, and appropriate support material by March 20th, 2020 to grants@edmontonarts.ca. Responses may also be sent to the Edmonton Arts Council offices in hard copy.

Any questions about this call can be directed to Justina Verboom: jverboom@edmontonarts.ca, 780-508-8322.