



## **ProjectArt Teaching Artist Residency 2017-2018 Request for Proposals**

ProjectArt is a national solution to the arts access crises. Since 2011, ProjectArt has made arts learning accessible to underserved communities using a radically innovative model. ProjectArt transforms underutilized public libraries into much-needed space for artist studios and art classes for youth. Today, ProjectArt offers visual art classes to youth ages 4-17 in libraries across NYC, Miami, Detroit and as of Fall 2017 in Chicago, Los Angeles and Pittsburgh as well. Our highly impactful program model and direct grassroots work has received critical attention nationally.

### **Residency Overview**

ProjectArt is requesting proposals from emerging artists based in NYC, Miami, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Los Angeles to participate in the 2017-2018 Teaching Artist Residency.

The purpose of this residency is to support local artists by providing them a nuanced material—the library—to advance their artistic practice in a very public platform, as well as the opportunity to design, implement, and teach yearlong art classes to youth in that same library.

### **Application Deadline:**

Friday June 15, 2017

### **What is required, provided, and expected?**

Applicant requirements

- Must be based in the city in which you are applying
- Must be an emerging artist
- Must use medium that works within the library's space

### **Duration**

The duration of this residency is roughly one year from early September 2017 through June 2018. The ProjectArt Teaching Artist Residency calendar is divided into the following general cycles and events:

## Orientation & training

Fall semester	September-Dec 2017 (12 weeks)
Local library student exhibition	Early to mid- Dec 2017
Fall resident presentations	Early Jan 2018
Spring semester	January- June 2017 (18 weeks)
Citywide student exhibition	May or June 2018
2017-18 Resident exhibition & final presentations	May or June 2018

## Studio & Teaching Time Commitments

The teaching artists-in-residence split their time between furthering their personal practice/studio work and teaching visual arts classes:

This residency allows residents to spend between 10 - 15 hours per week creating work, which both integrates the library space and furthers the artist's work in a public way.

Together with library staff residents will work to ensure that materials used in both personal studio and class hours are safe and appropriate. Under no circumstances may residents bring any hazardous, dangerous, or toxic materials into the library.

Residents are required to teach 3 one-hour long classes each week to youth at their assigned library. Most classes are held during after school hours (between 3-6pm) and are scheduled with the library and teaching artist schedules in mind in accordance with the ProjectArt calendar (see above).

Additionally, residents are required to attend all teacher trainings, professional development workshops and related meetings organized by ProjectArt over the course of the residency. Moreover, the teaching artist will serve as the chief cultural counselor for the library and work in conjunction and as a co-conspirator with the local library branch manager, to creatively address the artistic and cultural void in the community.

## Locations:

If you are an artist in one of the following cities, we invite you to apply:

- NYC
- Detroit
- Miami
- Chicago
- L.A.
- Pittsburgh

## Library Branches Include:

### Main Points

#### NYC

- Forest Hills
- Glen Oaks
- Queens Central
- Long Island City
- Windsor Park
- Peninsula
- Brownsville
- Bushwick
- Crown Heights
- Cypress Hills
- Flatbush
- New Lots
- Red Hook

#### Miami

- Arcola Lakes
- Culmer Overtown
- Edison Center
- Hispanic Branch
- Homestead
- Little River
- Model City
- North Central

#### Detroit

- Campbell
- Hubbard
- Jefferson
- Main
- Parkman
- Wilder

#### Chicago

- Chicago Lawn
- Little Village
- Northtown
- Richard M. Daley

#### L.A.

- Cypress Park
- Hyde Park
- Junipero Serra
- Washington Irving

#### Pittsburgh

- Allegheny
- Knoxville

ProjectArt provides teaching artists-in-residence:

- A total stipend of \$6,000 distributed in installments over the course of the residency
- The opportunity to create art in a public space with a built-in community with which to collaborate and engage
- The opportunity to design and implement a yearlong visual arts curriculum as well as experience teaching a variety of age groups
- Teaching supplies and art materials for teaching art to youth
- A safe, clean space in a designated section of the library and a public platform to create artwork, display artwork, and collaborate with the community
- A locked storage system for personal art materials (which are provided by the artist)
- A group exhibition with reception in a gallery
- Access to ProjectArt private events, professional development opportunities and media events via our vast network of nonprofit and art world contacts

## **How do I apply?**

### Application Narrative Checklist

-PDF Letter of interest addressing the following:

- What about this residency appeals to you and how would you utilize this residency?
- What relevance does this residency have to your art/artistic process and how would it improve it?
- List your first, second, and third choice of the library branch you would like to teach at and include an explanation of why this particular branch appeals to you.

-PDF Résumé

-JPEG Digital Portfolio (five to ten images of your work)

-PDF Contact information for two references (one professional or academic, and one community or volunteer service)—include the following information about the reference:

- Full name
- Institution/company/organization
- Position
- Phone number
- Email
- Relationship to you
- # of years you have known the reference

**To apply please fill out the Typeform found here:**

<https://projectart325.typeform.com/to/uNye9B>

**Anything else?**

Please feel free to email or call Grace [grace@projectart.org](mailto:grace@projectart.org) or Laura at [laura@projectart.org](mailto:laura@projectart.org) if you have any further questions regarding ProjectArt, this residency, or this application.