



## Artist as Changemaker Program

We believe artists have a unique role to play in accelerating social change for the betterment of people and the planet. The Artist as Changemaker (AAC) Program looks to illuminate, elevate, and expedite the capacity of socially engaged artists to create meaningful social change. This program is designed for and by artists. It exists to reveal the relationship between art, the artistic process, and social innovation theory in creating pathways for change.

Components for the Artist as Changemaker Program

1. Artist as Changemaker Residency (AAC Residency)
2. Artist as Changemaker Fellowship (AAC Fellowship)
3. Artist as Changemaker Alumni (AAC Alumni)

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## Artist as Changemaker Residency

The Artist as Changemaker Residency is artist lead and cohort based. The Residency invites socially engaged artists to enter into partnerships with organizations to meaningfully address social challenges utilizing social innovation concepts and artistic processes. The Residency places emphasis on collaborative, experimental and iterative processes between artists, organizations and communities.

### How does the AAC Residency work?

- Each artist cohort contains 6 to 12 artists.
- The artists identify the organization(s) and community(ies) they want to work with.
- Artists and organizational representatives participate in social innovation and systems change workshops led by faculty members at Mount Royal University.
- Artists and organizational representatives work together to determine which social challenge they want to focus on and create a guiding question.
- Artists and organizational representatives use the created guiding question to guide their residency work.
- Residency work must include elements of community engaged arts.



## How long is the AAC Residency program?

The AAC Residency is a two year immersive program, split into two phases requiring about 6-10 hours of work per week during active months.

- Phase 1 - Residency: September 2022 - April 2023
- Phase 1 - Reflections and Gathering: May 2023  
(*Summer Break: June 2023 - August 2023*)
- Phase 2 - Residency: September 2023 - April 2024
- Phase 2 - Reflections and Final Showcase: May 2023

## Who can apply to participate in the AAC Residency Program?

We are accepting applications from socially engaged artists living in Calgary/Mohkínstsis. We seek artists with a strong sense of social justice, and understanding of how community engaged arts functions as a vehicle for social change.

## As an artist, will I be paid to participate in the AAC Residency program?

Yes artists are paid to participate in the AAC Residency program. For each phase of the program, each artist will receive a stipend of \$5,000. Furthermore, artists and organizations will receive the social innovation and systems change workshops, and other professional development opportunities at no cost.

## How do I apply?

If you're an artist interested in using artistic processes to influence social change, **apply to participate in the AAC Residency here:** [Artist as Changemaker Residency Application](#).

**Deadline to apply: August 14, 2022 at midnight.** Successful applicants will be notified the week of August 22, 2022. Full application link: <https://forms.gle/mFWVHXCF7rS5Rs236>

## Curious for more?

The history and development of the Artist as Changemaker Program is unique, and has centered the artist's voice from its inception. Check out some of our documentations to learn more!

- ★ [Artist as Changemaker - 2020 Program Report](#)
- ★ [Artist as Changemaker - 2021 Program Report](#)
- ★ [Artist as Changemaker - 2021 Reflection Gathering \(artist presentations\)](#)
- ★ [Episode 23 | Living a Creative Life Web Series \(featuring AAC's 2021 participants\)](#)

## Have Questions?

We have two Information Sessions coming up:

- Wednesday August 3, 2022 at 12:30pm - 1:00pm — [Register Here](#)
- Thursday August 4, 2022 at 4pm- 4:30pm — [Register Here](#)

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