

Summer Studio Facilitators – Painting & Drawing; Ceramics; Fibre Arts

This is a temporary opportunity, 30 hours per week, May 16 through August 25, 2023. This position is on site.

Who We Are

The National accessArts Centre (the NaAC) is a fun, fast-paced, dynamic work environment where we collaborate to provide artistic training, creation, exhibition, and presentation opportunities for artists living with disabilities. As a creative hub for artists living with disabilities, so often limited in their opportunities and choices, we blur the lines between professional artists, disabled artists, entrepreneurs, innovators, and storytellers by sharing their work internationally and re-shaping how the world views and appreciates their talents and place in our communities.

Who You Are and What You Will Do

A highly motivated creator with an established technical skill set in painting & drawing, ceramics, or fibre arts, and a desire to work with the disability community. You are passionate about helping artists achieve their goals in all elements of the artistic process. You demonstrate a commitment to ensuring that the creative decisions made by our artists are theirs alone. You will support the artists' learning of specific mediums or styles while accounting for their unique abilities and access needs. As part of our creative team, you will assist with the development of facilitation while ensuring proper safety protocols, participating in team planning sessions, and supporting the National accessArts Centre at events and community programming.

Reporting to the Manager, Studio, you will work as part of a team committed to the advancement of our artists in our self-directed studios, and seek to deliver outstanding opportunities.

- **Artist Support** – participate in artist assessment; goal planning; skill development; understand and support artists' needs; guide artists to identify goals and conceptualize new works/styles; assist with individualized artist training plans.
- **Studio Operations** –share the responsibility of ensuring a clean and safe studio equipped to meet the needs of our artists and their projects or practices; ensure any suspected mental or physical health challenges are appropriately reported.
- **Assist with Exhibitions & Events** – provide the necessary support for all of the NaAC exhibitions and events, including set up/tear down; hanging art works; set prep, etc.
- **Technical Demonstrations** – facilitate accessible bi-weekly technical demonstrations that will support NaAC artists in learning foundational artistic skills.

Experience and Skills You'll Bring

- Formal education in the visual arts; established creative skill set in any of painting & drawing; ceramics; fibre arts; or other relevant experience.
- Exemplary verbal and written communication skills; attention to detail.
- Mature attitude; ability to work autonomously in a collaborative environment.
- Experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities (asset).
- Strong team player, able to adapt to the differing needs of the environment.
- Basic skills in Microsoft Outlook and Word. Zoom facilitation.

Pay Rate & Working Hours

- \$18.50/hour (+4% vacation pay)
- Monday–Friday; 9am–3:30pm; possible evenings/weekends

Eligibility

We will fill three summer positions under the Canada Summer Jobs grant. As per CSJ regulations, all candidates must be 15-30 years old at the start of employment; legally entitled to work in Canada and Alberta AND a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of employment.

Diverse & Inclusive Work Environment

The National accessArts Centre is an equal opportunity employer and prides itself on offering a diverse and inclusive workplace, free of discrimination and harassment. We invite **all** qualified and eligible persons to apply. Decisions will be based on qualifications.

To Apply

Submit your resume, with a cover letter, to Raewyn Reid at raewyn.reid@accessarts.ca no later than Monday, April 17, 2023. The NaAC facility is 100% accessible. We will endeavour to offer additional reasonable accommodations to interviewees, as required, with notification provided at the time an interview is booked.