

## 2023 ArtStarts Ignites Artist Residency Program

ArtStarts Ignites is a dynamic residency program that offers early career artists time, space, and resources to develop their artistic portfolio within an educational context.

To apply, please complete [this application form](#) no later than **December 15th, 2022**. Questions should be sent **only via email**, and be addressed to Alyssa Martens, Program Manager, Public Programs at [alyssa@artstarts.com](mailto:alyssa@artstarts.com).

### Brief Overview

The 2023 ArtStarts Ignites Residency Program will support 3 early career artists with time, resources, and studio space to work on independent projects, mentorship sessions that will catalyze artistic growth and sector knowledge, and an opportunity to adapt their practice for a younger audience through the development of a digital workshop. This cycle will focus on supporting artists from ALL disciplines with an applied focus on place-based and environmental arts.

### Who is eligible to apply?

Artists are eligible if they are:

- an early career artist as defined by BC Arts Council's definition of an Emerging or Early Career Artist which demands that the artist be:
  - committed to developing a practice and career in the arts that will allow them to work full-time at their practice when financially possible;
  - AND EITHER are under the age of 30;
  - OR have completed peer-recognized basic training in their discipline or art form within the last five years.
- available for 90 hours between February 20 - March 31, 2023
- available weekly on Wednesdays between 9am-5pm to attend mentorship sessions (Please note: mentorship sessions will never take up a full Wednesday, but you are required to be available to meet between 9am-5pm on these days)
- a resident of BC

### What can I expect from this residency?

This residency will:

- happen over 90 hours between February 20 - March 31, 2023  
take place remotely, and ArtStarts will support artists in acquiring a studio space in the regions where they are located during the length of their residency period
- focus on place-based and environmental arts
- include weekly mentorship sessions to support artist learning and growth (all sessions will take place virtually on Google Meet)
- support artists in adapting their practice to a young audience and developing a digital workshop that will be included as part of ArtStarts' public programming
- receive a materials budget of \$300 to support their projects and learning

### **What areas of learning will the mentorship sessions focus on?**

The mentorship sessions will support your learning in the following areas:

- Place-based learning
- Arts education theory
- Workshop facilitation for young people
- Accessibility
- Grant writing
- Goal-setting for the future

You will also have informal opportunities to connect with the other resident artists and the ArtStarts staff on a weekly basis. All sessions will take place remotely on Google Meet.

How will my application be scored?

Applicants will be scored on:

- the extent to which their artistic practice and proposed work meets the goals outlined for the residency
- proficiency of art form and potential for development as an emerging or early career artist, as demonstrated by their CV and portfolio of support material
- the potential for their artistic practice and proposed work to engage young people, families, and the ArtStarts community
- the extent to which the artists meet the BC Arts Council's definition of an Emerging or Early Career Artist which demands that the artist be:
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- OR have completed peer-recognized basic training in their discipline or art form within the last five years.
- We will prioritize applicants who approach their practice with an anti-oppressive lens, who are interested in working with children, youth, and families, and who reside outside of the Greater Victoria and Greater Vancouver areas.

Please note: we are only seeking applications from individual artists (rather than collectives, groups, or companies) at this time. Please contact us if you have any questions.

The successful applicants will be selected by a panel of ArtStarts staff. Applications will be read through for eligibility by ArtStarts staff, and then eligible applications will be assessed. **We strongly encourage artists who have questions about their eligibility to contact us.**

### **What happens after I get accepted?**

Once you're accepted, the ArtStarts' Program Manager (Public Programs) will contact you with:

- Details to get you setup in a studio space in your region
- A schedule with mentorship sessions happening weekly on Wednesdays (February 22 and March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29) as part of your residency
- Information about the Elder in your community who will provide some mentorship to you during your residency
- Information about how to undertake a Criminal Record Check through the British Columbia Ministry of Justice's Criminal Records Review Program (ArtStarts will cover the associated cost)