



Job Posting: Artist Mentor for Studio in the City

Deadline: March 24, 2019 Midnight

Contract Period: May 1 – September 15, 2019

Artist(s) project fee: \$7 000 (not including material costs)

Materials and installation: \$10 000

North Van Arts is seeking an artist-mentor or an artist/craftsman team with a shared vision to propose, implement and oversee a playful, interactive and functional public art project with a group of youth artist-apprentices during the summer of 2019. The youth Artist-apprentices will be hired through the Studio in the City program.

Studio in the City is an annual youth employment program of the City of North Vancouver that provides youth ages 15 - 19 with opportunities to apprentice in the arts on various canvases and landscapes throughout the City of North Vancouver. The program partners with supporters of the arts and is managed by North Van Arts.

Responsibilities:

The **Artist Mentor** will oversee the research, design, and execution of a *public art project* located in the Queensbury Village business area with a potential focus on areas such as the corner of 7th and Queensbury. The project should aim to improve the pedestrian or drive-by experience for visitors and passersby. Examples of projects include: traffic calming measures, a multi-functional piece of public art providing a place to rest, play, or lock-up a bicycle or signage/gateway to mark the entrance of Queensbury Village. The proposal could be interactive with a possible emphasis on play and touch and should aim to be durable and semi-temporary (5-10 years). Aspiring to raising awareness and enhance the experience of the area, the project may reference the history of Queensbury and Moodyville.

Artist Mentor duties include:

- researching and designing the public project including the possibility of community consultation
- development of a workplan
- building the piece/s with the students
- mentoring and supervising the artist-apprentices, teaching practical skills to complete the project if needed
- leading the execution of the public art piece
- The **Artist Mentor** is responsible for sourcing materials, working within the budget
- Project reporting

Mentorship:

An important part of this programme is to mentor young artists in a process of creating community-based public art. The **Artist Mentor** must engage the students throughout the process, helping them understand and have practical experience in a large-scale art project. Artist-apprentices will use this experience to build their portfolios. The **Artist Mentor** will work with the artist apprentices Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-3pm during July and August.

Requirements & Qualifications:

- Experience in public art projects
- Experience working with youth, including at risk youth, in a collaborative process
- Experience providing mentorship, guidance and support to youth
- Knowledge, understanding of and commitment to inclusive community-engaged arts
- Excellent time management, planning and organizational skills
- Ability to assume leadership, as well as supporting team members
- First Aid Level 1 required, or applicant must be willing to do a First Aid Level 1 course paid for by the City of North Vancouver
- Criminal Record Check

How to apply:

Send cover letter, cv and relevant portfolio material to leighanne@northvanarts.com

Short-listed candidates will be Interviewed March 25 – April 12, 2019.