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2020 Post-Graduation Residency Guidelines

The Torpedo Factory Post-Graduation Residency is a competitive juried program that provides meaningful support and a three-month term solo studio space. This residency is open to recently-graduated students who earned a bachelor's or master's art degree from an accredited university. The program is unique for addressing the critical post-graduation juncture in an emerging artist's career, offering an opportunity for professional development, and a chance to define their independent work process outside of the academic context. Submissions are open for both art school students in the region and nationwide, provided nationwide artists submit proof of their permanent residence in the area and/or commitment of contributing to the ongoing future of the DC/Maryland/Virginia arts scene.

Residents receive studio space and public presentation opportunities, including an artist talk and participation in a culminating curated exhibition in the Target Gallery, the contemporary exhibition space for the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Residents are active and equal participants in the Art Center's unique creative community. Residents benefit from engagement with local, national, and international artists.

Residency Dates: January - March, April - June, July - September, October - December

Application Due: Sunday, September 22

Notification: No later than Friday, October 25

Eligibility:

- Completion of BFA or MFA from an accredited University within the past 1-3 years.
- As this residency does not provide accommodations, artists must live in the D.C. metropolitan region and must provide proof of residency before official acceptance into the program. D.C. metropolitan region for this purpose is defined as living within 40 miles or less than one hour's commute distance from the Art Center as you will be expected to be in the studio for public studio hours at least 24 hours



a week at minimum. You must also have a reliable means of transportation.

Requirements:

- Selected artists will be required to be in the studio during public hours at least 24 a week and abide by the Torpedo Factory Art Center [Operating Rules and Procedures](#) for tenants. The Art Center's open public hours (10 am – 6 pm daily, Thursdays 'til 9).
- Present one formal public artist talk.
- Participate in our monthly Late Shift events (maintain an open studio for the public during our monthly late night events, 7pm - 10pm – excluding the months of November - March) or other public events as discussed with Art Center staff.
- Collaborate with Target Gallery staff and other Post-Graduation Residents to plan, design, and execute culminating group exhibition.
- Participate and donate one artwork on a 10” square panel to the Target Gallery’s Annual March150 Special Exhibition and Art Sale event.

Selection Criteria: Artists will first be ranked via the online application by a panel of external jurors and then invited to an in-person interview (or Skype/Facetime as needed) with Art Center staff wherein the selections will be made based on both the interview and rank of the jurors. We may have up to 3 artists that are wait listed for the opportunity.

- Must have recently (within the past 1-3 years) graduated with a bachelor’s or master’s degree in art from an accredited university.
- Merit of past work
- Résumé /CV
- Letter of recommendation from University professor using University letterhead.
- Potential to contribute to and benefit from the Art Center’s dynamic community of professional working artists.
- Ability to work on-site in the Torpedo Factory Art Center’s unique open studio environment and interact with the visiting public on a weekly basis.
- Able to fulfill studio hours over a reasonable amount of time throughout the week, and available for meetings with Art Center staff liaison on a biweekly basis.
- Commitment to community engagement and supporting special initiatives at the Art Center, including Late Shifts, public programs, and the Post-Graduation artist talk
- In-person or Skype (as needed) interview with Art Center staff.

Timeline:

- April 19, 2019 – September 22, 2019 – applications are accepted (firm deadline).
- October 1 - 18, 2019 - Finalists are notified and interviews with staff are coordinated.
- Friday, October 25, 2018 – Residents are notified of selection and residency dates are coordinated with Art Center staff.
- Friday, December 13, 2019 - Residents are announced at the opening reception for the *2019 Post-Grad Residency* exhibition.

Note: If English is not your first language and you would like assistance with this application, please contact leslie.mounaime@alexandriava.gov.