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2021 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 recently graduated art school students in the region and nationwide, provided artists submit proof of their residence in the D.C. metropolitan area.

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: Friday, October 30

Notification: No later than Friday, November 30

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 are typically 10 am – 6 pm daily, Thursdays 'til 9. Current adjusted hours for COVID-19 are Wednesdays – Sundays, 10 am – 6 pm.
- Present one formal public artist talk.
- Participate in our monthly Late Shift events virtual or in person 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 March 150 Special Exhibition and Art Sale event.

Selection Criteria: Artists will be ranked via the online application by an external juror with the selections being made based on ranking of the juror. We may have up to 3 artists that are wait listed for the opportunity. Artists whose permanent residence is outside the D.C. metropolitan region, may be required to have a follow-up phone call with Art Center staff to discuss relocation logistics.

- Must have recently (within the past 1-3 years) graduated with a bachelor's or master's degree in art from an accredited university.
- Artwork and writing materials suggests a strong understanding of contemporary art practices as well articulates a capable sense their own personal goals and vision as an artist.
- Artistic merit and excellence in presentation and technical skill
- 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.
- Commitment to community engagement and supporting special initiatives at the Art Center, including Late Shifts, public programs, and the Post-Graduation artist talk
- Ability to work on-site and fulfill the required public hours in the Torpedo Factory Art Center's unique open studio environment and interact with the visiting public on a weekly basis.

Timeline:

- Friday, October 30, 2020– Applications Deadline
- Friday, November 13, 2020- Finalists are notified and coordination/confirmation process with the Art Center staff begins.
- Friday, November 20, 2020– All applicants are notified and residency dates are confirmed with Art Center staff.
- December 2020- Residents are formally announced through a press release
- Friday, January 15, 2021- Residents will be presented at the closing reception and talk for the 2020 *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.

COVID-19: Given the fluid and uncertain nature of the current pandemic, this call for entry is subject to change due to COVID-19 related situations.