



## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **Teaching Artist / Design Apprenticeship Program**

#### Organization Summary

Arts + Public Life (APL), an initiative of UChicago Arts, provides platforms for artists and access to arts programming through artist residencies, arts education, cultural entrepreneurship, and arts-led programs and exhibitions. Arts + Public Life advances and promotes a robust, collaborative, and evolving relationship between the University of Chicago and the South Side's vibrant civic, cultural, and artistic communities.

#### Job Summary

APL Teaching Artists are equal parts, professional artist and professional educator. Our teaching artists deliver high-quality authentic and engaging arts curriculum that cultivates diverse arts and culture leaders from our local South Side communities. We take an integrated, process-based approach to community engagement, with local teens sharing authorship over projects that are informed by their expertise as South Side residents and that have a direct impact on their communities.

The APL Education Department offers in-depth programs that cultivate local teens' creative identity, social development, and leadership growth while motivating them to make a positive difference in their community through the arts. Programs level up over time as part of a tiered pathway that offers opportunities for access and exposure as well as supports dedicated teens' pursuit of careers in the arts—at and beyond APL.

#### Duties and Responsibilities

- Lead youth in arts curriculum based in woodworking + design that follows the core pedagogy and values of APL
- Experience in carpentry, woodworking, design, art, and/or architecture
- Guide youth to full-scale projects that cultivate teen's creativity, social development, and leadership while inspiring them to make positive differences in their communities.
- Work 10-15 hours weekly (evening and Saturday hours).
- Complete a fingerprint and background check
- Commit to on-going professional development as an arts educator
- Track and submit daily attendance

- Complete program reports and submit required documents by the designated deadline
- Willingness to travel to off-site locations for field trips and enrichment activities
- Identify classroom visitors in related fields to enhance classroom experience and knowledge
- Communicate any incidents or problems as outlined in the APL Teaching Artist Handbook to APL Education staff
- Participate in APL Education program events
- Be a positive role model for students and fellow teaching artists
- Perform other duties as assigned.

#### Desirable Skills and Qualifications

- At least 3 years experience working as a professional artist in Chicago
- Experience teaching youth ages 13-19
- Cultural competency to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Ability to work with various communities, organizations, and educational institutions
- Work in a team environment with minimal supervision
- Ability to work independently, be flexible, and manage multiple priorities
- Exceptional communication and organizational skills
- Strong classroom management experience
- Familiarity with After School Matters (ASM) programs/policies/procedures is preferred but not required
- Have access to reliable transportation

#### Physical Requirements & Work Environment

- Lift, push, pull, or carry art supplies and furniture weighing up to 40 lbs
- Use power tools
- Walk up and downstairs
- Bend, twist, reach, stand and/or sit for long periods of time.

#### Salary

Commensurate with experience. This position is offered as a temporary, contract position.

*All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, protected veteran status or status as an individual with disability.*

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