

Call for Artists

Curious Minds: 2024 Summer Exhibitions & Artist Residency Gallery at Tempe Center for the Arts APPLICANT INFORMATION SHEET



3 Opportunities / 1 Application / 1 Deadline

Deadline: Mon., Nov. 6, 2023 | 5 p.m. | Free Application

We are seeking applications from Arizona-based artists to apply for three juried opportunities under the umbrella of the Gallery at Tempe Center for the Arts' 2024 summer exhibition: *Curious Minds*.

This exhibition highlights the creative, inquisitive and sometimes quirky minds of artists. Much of the selected works will explore the unique and dynamic ways artists research, experiment and problem solve ways to make art and communicate ideas. Special consideration will be given to entries that are fun, funky and innovative.

*Please note: Summer programming will also delve into immersive arts experiences that employ elements from STEM / STEAM education

The free application includes 3 opportunities for Arizona Artists:

- 1) Display art in the *Curious Minds* Summer Exhibition at the Gallery at TCA.
- 2) Display art in the satellite exhibition of *Curious Minds* at Tempe Post Office.
- 3) *Curious Minds* Artist Residency Program at the Gallery at TCA.

Overview of the 3 Opportunities:



Opportunity #1: *Curious Minds*

Art display at the Summer Exhibition
Gallery at TCA
May 4-Sept. 7, 2024

When artists choose to play with unique materials, explore new ideas and let themselves experiment with forms and imagery- the results are always interesting and fun for visitors. Family programming, community connections and immersive arts experiences feature strongly in this summer exhibition.

Artist applications should include works that are exciting, colorful and interject curiosity about the world and the human experience. Special attention will be given to artworks that provide educational and entertaining experiences for families to enjoy while escaping the heat over the hot summer months.

(Image Denise Yaghmourian, 2021 TCA Artist-in-Residence Alum.)



Opportunity #2: Curious Minds at Tempe Post Office

Art display in the Summer Satellite Exhibition on display May 11- Sept. 24, 2024

TCA is seeking artists to apply for the satellite version of the *Curious Minds* exhibition to be displayed at the Tempe Post Office. For more than 22 years, the City of Tempe has placed unique and eye-catching art installations by Arizona artists into store front windows at the Tempe Post Office in the heart of the Mill Avenue District.

Four selected artists will be provided with a \$325 supply stipend to help create installations with the WOW factor. Each selected artist is challenged to construct an over-the-top 3D environment for new and/or existing works. Each artist is assigned one of the 4 window spaces which are viewable by patrons inside and outside of the Post Office. (Image: PO Installation by Kaori Takamura, 2023 Artist-in-Residence Alum.)



Opportunity #3: Curious Minds Artist Residency Program

Studio Experience at the Gallery at TCA
Residency Dates: May 18- July 13, 2024

Artists may also consider applying for a summer artist-in-residence studio experience. Three artists will be selected to participate in an 8 week/ 10 hours a week residency which takes place inside the Gallery at TCA. Artists-in-Residence are eligible for a stipend up to \$2,500.

Selected artists will participate in community programs, professional development sessions, mentorships, online social media and share their art making practices with patrons visiting the exhibition. The residency studios include display areas for the artists to show artworks in conjunction with the exhibition. Studios also include plenty of workspace, storage and desks for the artists-in-residence to create visually interesting and productive work environments. (Image: Megan Driving Hawk, 2023 TCA Artists-n-Residence Alum.)

Important: Artists may apply for one or all three opportunities with one application. The application process is free and submitted digitally.

Residency Artist Responsibilities:

- 1) Display artworks at the Gallery at TCA studio space in conjunction with exhibition.
- 2) Activate assigned studio space with works in process, sketches, research, etc. Making an interesting studio experience for audiences to see.
- 3) Work on-site at Gallery at TCA studio at least 10 hours a week for 8 weeks.
- 4) Speak with visitors and tour groups in the Gallery.
- 5) Participate in meetings and professional development opportunities as assigned.
- 6) Participate in three "Community Give Back" projects including:
 - a) TCA's Annual DRAW-A-THON event, June 22, 2024.
 - b) One program at the Edna Vihel Arts Center in Tempe.
 - c) One outreach program at the Gallery at TCA.
- 7) Participate in the End-of-Residency video interviews.
- 8) Regularly post photos, video, experiences, artworks and events on social media, web and through email. If you are new to social media our team will assist.



Education Programs will vary for each artist depending on skills, interests, media and scheduling. Examples include art demonstrations, art workshops, lectures, hands-on educational display development.

(Image: Edgar Bahau Fernandez, TCA Artist-in-Residence Alumnae at Edna Vihel Arts Center.)



Professional Development Opportunities

vary for each Artist-in-Residence. We work with each of the selected artists to create a unique experience. In addition to a customized studio space inside the Gallery, the TCA will connect each artist with other professionals, behind the scenes tours and organizations to enhance the residency experience.

Many of our Residency Alums report that connections formed during the residency continue well after the program. (Image: Megan Driving Hawk 2023 residency alum at ASU Molecular Science Lab.)

Application Process: The application process is free. A jury panel will review applications and select artists for the exhibition and/or the artist-in-residence program. Selections will be announced in late February. Submissions may be sent directly to the Gallery at TCA's file share link at

https://filetransfer.tempe.gov/filedrop/michelle_dock@tempe.gov

IMPORTANT: Before submission, see Application Form and review requirements. Incomplete applications will not be processed for review.

Required Exhibition Application Materials Checklist:

- Application Form (signed)
- Artist statement (Word doc preferred)
- Artist biography (Word doc preferred)
- Resume/CV
- Up to 10 JPEG images (please label each image)
- Thumbnail Image List (with titles & media)

Additional materials for Residency Applicants:

- * Two References (contact Information)
- * Letter of Interest

