

Art Studio or Art Education Internship

About Josephine Sculpture Park

Josephine Sculpture Park (JSP) is the vision of sculptor Melanie VanHouten who serves as director. Originally established in 2009 on 20 acres of reclaimed farmland in Franklin Co., KY, JSP exists as a large earthwork and public sculpture park designed by VanHouten. The park expanded to 30 acres in 2018. It hosts a rotating exhibit of nearly 70 artworks created by artists from across the globe, primarily large-scale outdoor contemporary sculpture and large graffiti murals in the midst of native meadows and natural habitat. Artists included in the exhibition are Chakaia Booker, Peyton Scott Russell, Wayne Potratz, Alison Hiltner, Aaron Dysart, Rollin Marquette, Boaz Vaadia, Kiah Celeste and Heather Hart. JSP provides tours, artist talks, hands-on exhibitions, festivals, conservation walks, theatrical productions, internships and workshops to school children, civic groups, general public and at-risk and developmentally challenged youth and adults across disciplines. JSP offers a free venue for community performing arts, arts education, arts appreciation and cultural enhancement. Artist residency, workshop and exhibition programs support emerging, mid-career and professional artists through unique, supported and equipped non-traditional studio space for large-scale sculpture, murals and community artworks in central KY. JSP is free and open every day of the year from dawn until dusk.

Mission

Our mission is to connect people to each other and the land through the arts. We provide creative arts and nature education to our community and transformative opportunities to artists while conserving the beauty of Kentucky's native, rural landscape.

Our vision is to be a leader in our community that respects and reflects diverse voices and ideas through shared, creative experiences and responsible land stewardship practices.

Our commitments are to support artists, inspire intellectual exploration and expression, build a stronger, healthier community and conserve the beauty of Kentucky's fine natural and cultural heritage through creative, outdoor activities. We are committed to the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion and seek to create a welcoming community for all staff, volunteers, and visitors.

Position Summary: JSP is seeking interns to live and work at JSP from May through the end of October (dates are flexible). Workload is approx. 20 hours per week for the park. Use of studio facilities is encouraged as is exhibition of a work at JSP (although not required). Primary responsibilities include general park maintenance (weed eating, mowing, installing sculptures, removing invasive plants), sculptural repair, painting, etc. and assistance/preparation for park events and workshops. Additional responsibilities as they arise may include computer/website work, or other as determined by the skills and interests of each intern. JSP is committed to the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion and seeks to create a welcoming community for all staff, volunteers, and visitors. People of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

Primitive housing may be provided. Food, travel and materials will be the responsibility of the intern.

Reports To: Park Manager (primary) & Director or Program Director (secondary)

Summary of Essential Job Functions:

- General park maintenance such as weed eating, mowing, trail maintenance and site preparation for new installations

- Assist Director and artists in residence with installation of new sculptures and repairing or removing damaged sculptures, repainting existing sculptures
- Assist Director and Program Director and contracted artists/educators in facilitating community arts and environmental education classes, workshops and camps
- Assist staff, interns and volunteers in event setup, coordination and teardown
- Represent JSP at our booth during partner events in the community
- Lead tours at JSP and in the community through our Art in Public Places program

Eligibility

- Preference will be given to artists who meet any of these criteria:
 - Artist is living and/or working in KY
 - Artist identifies as a person of color
 - Artist identifies as a woman, transgender or gender non-conforming person
- Preference will be given to artists exploring any of these themes:
 - Social justice
 - Racial justice
 - Environmental justice
 - Feminism
 - or the proposal is site specific to JSP, Frankfort or KY
- Resident Artist must be a U.S. resident or hold valid visa documents.
- Applicant must have some studio art experience as evidenced in the work samples.
- Artist must be 18 years of age or older during the time of the internship.
- Applicant's work must be characterized as one or more of the following: sculpture, three-dimensional installation, multimedia, site-specific, land art, conceptual art, social practice, painting/mural, public art and/or performance art.

Minimum Requirements: Passion for the mission of the organization. Creative. Excellent communicator. Flexible. Team-oriented/collaborative. Must also be self-motivated and enjoy working alone at times. Some college experience, and background or experience in studio arts. Experience working with diverse populations preferred but not required.

Compensation and Benefits: Primitive housing on park grounds may be provided. Living at the park is optional and preference may be given to applicants that live nearby and are able to commute to JSP (due to COVID we are limiting on-site artists and interns). Some work may be completed remotely. We will work with you and your institution to offer internship/course credit where applicable. We encourage you to apply for internship funding through your institution, if available. You are encouraged to make use of the studio facilities to create new work to be installed and exhibited at JSP. Assistance will be provided for installation and creation of new work as well as material acquisition and in kind support of materials when possible. Training on equipment will also be provided when appropriate.

Scholarship Opportunity: One scholarship will be available each summer to provide some financial assistance to an intern expressing that need. If you wish to apply for the scholarship, please include a one page narrative describing your request and how this scholarship would help your artistic development.

Deadlines:

Round 1: The application deadline for the Artist Internship to begin in May (May-Aug. or Sep.) is **FEBRUARY 28, 2021.**

Round 2: The application deadline for the Artist Internship to begin in July (July-Sep. or Oct.) is **MAY 10, 2021**.

Materials must be received via email by MIDNIGHT EST. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Exact move in and move out dates will be determined individually based on mutually agreeable schedule.

Internship Application Instructions:

1. Please complete and submit this [Internship Application Form](#). JSP staff will match your form with your complete PDF of application materials.
2. Please submit the following materials by compiling a single pdf (titled LastName_FirstName) containing the following documents and email that single pdf to:
jsp.artists@josephinesculpturepark.org with INTERNSHIP in the subject line of email.

Application Materials Checklist:

1. **Letter of Interest:** A brief description of your interest in the Josephine Sculpture Park Internship Program. One-page max. Please include any special skills or areas you would like to learn more about. Also include your preferred dates to be in residence.
2. **Work Samples:** 5-10 images or video links of recent work. Video files should be no longer than 1 minute. OK to send a link to your website that shows images of your work.
3. **Image Script:** A numbered list that corresponds to each of the submitted images. For each image, include the title, date, materials, dimensions and if necessary a two sentence description of the work.
4. **Current CV or artist resume:** Five pages max.
5. **Artist statement:** One page max.
6. **List of 3 references** with relationship and email and phone number for each.
7. **Scholarship Narrative** (optional): one page narrative describing your request and how this scholarship would help your artistic development.

Reminder: Please submit all materials as a **single pdf** to jsp.artists@josephinesculpturepark.org with INTERNSHIP in the subject line.

Please contact us for more information at 502-352-7082 or jsp.artists@josephinesculpturepark.org