

Job Posting – Teaching Artists and Assistants for Youth Art & Photography Education

Youth Teaching Artists and Assistants

Philadelphia Photo Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA

The Philadelphia Photo Arts Center (PPAC) is seeking Teaching Artists and Assistants for youth programming. Please read the descriptions listed below to learn about each program:

Teen Photo

Teen Photo is a free after-school program open to any Philadelphia public high school student. Every student receives 8 months of free and full access to PPAC's equipment, materials, and expert teaching staff. Each student borrows a DSLR camera to take home for the entire school year.

PPAC needs teaching artists and teaching assistants to help with weekly meetings. Teen Photo runs from September through May, with weekly meetings one day per week.

Photo in Schools

Photo in Schools brings photography into schools to foster independent thinkers and teach new skills. We challenge students of all grade levels to grasp important concepts in photography. Over the course of ten weeks, students learn a visual vocabulary and study digital techniques. Equipped with cameras, students will have the opportunity to exercise their eyes and minds to create.

PPAC needs teaching artists and teaching assistants for Fall 2019 programming. We design our sessions into ten weeks, aiming to be in schools for two hours each week.

Preferred applicants will have:

- BS/BA/BFA and/or MFA in Photography or Video/Media or related studies
 - Technical knowledge of digital photography and camera functions.
 - Personal artistic practice (in photography/video/image making) preferred.
 - Knowledge of large format digital printing.
 - Experience working in educational environments, with teaching and managing a classroom preferred.
 - Ability to organize, instruct and motivate individuals and groups. Ability to maintain effective working relationships with participants, associates and the general public.
 - Strong knowledge of iMacs and Adobe Suite (especially Photoshop, Bridge, Lightroom, and InDesign).
 - Desire to work with youth.
 - Must be culturally competent.
 - Ability to work independently. Willingness to work collaboratively and in partnership with program managers, teaching assistants and artists. Flexibility and adaptability.
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These employment opportunity are temporary, part-time contract positions. All youth instructors will also need to submit a Background Check and Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance. PPAC will reimburse the applicant for processing fee charges.

Rate for Lead Teachers: \$30/hour.

Rate for Teaching Assistants varies between dependent on program or grant funding:
\$15-20/hour.

To Apply:

Please provide a cover letter and a resume to Michelle Wallace at michelle@philaphotoarts.org. Please include what position and program you are interested in, if applying for teaching artists positions please provide sample curriculum or lesson as well.

Equal Opportunity Employer Statement:

Philadelphia Photo Arts Center is dedicated to creating a diverse and inclusive work environment and is an equal opportunity employer who seeks qualified applicants, without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age or veteran status.

About Philadelphia Photo Arts Center:

The Philadelphia Photo Arts Center was founded in 2009 and is dedicated to fostering the study, practice, and appreciation of contemporary photography. These three pillars of PPAC's mission support the production and exhibition of work at the leading edge of photographic practice, in-depth education, and innovative programming connecting artists with audiences, engaging them as more than just passive viewers of work, but as part of the creative process. For more info, visit www.philaphotoarts.org.