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## ASSOCIATED ARTISTS OF PITTSBURGH EMERGING CURATOR PROGRAM

At the core of the mission of the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh is the production and promotion of thought-provoking exhibitions of contemporary work by regional artists. To this end, the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh (AAP) is pleased to announce the establishment of our Emerging Curator Program.

This new annual project in curatorial development seeks to provide emerging curators the support they need to further develop their vision and voice. AAP will arrange various hands-on training experience and avenues of networking for the emerging curator. The program will culminate in an exhibition organized and curated the curator and funded by AAP.

### TIMELINE

*Please note the schedule. The Emerging Curator Program is a nine-month long program.*

**Tuesday, July 31, 2018 by 11:59 pm:** Applications due

**Monday, August 6, 2018:** Finalists notified

**August 8 – 11, 2018:** Finalist interviews

**Monday, August 13, 2018:** Emerging curator notified.

#### **August – October 2018: Curatorial Assistant**

The emerging curator will serve as a curatorial assistant for the 106th Annual Exhibition. This curatorial assistant will work directly under the Annual juror and curator Taras Matla. They will receive hands-on training from the exhibition curator, AAP staff, volunteers, and artists. Tasks may include studio visits with AAP staff, meetings with artists, research and writing for the exhibition, outreach, and other tasks directly related to the success of the Annual under the guidance of or on behalf of the curator and AAP staff.

The curatorial assistant will be paid \$20 hourly for their work on the Annual and reimbursed for their work-related expenses.

#### **October 2018 – January 2019: Exhibition Proposal and Site Visits**

After the Annual Exhibition, the now emerging curator will prepare a formal exhibition proposal. In preparation for the proposal, the emerging curator will be required to make visits to 3-4 museum or art exhibitions and meet with professionals in the field. The emerging curator will also make site visits with staff to the location of their exhibition. During these visits, the emerging curator will research and have direct access to current curatorial practice.

In early January 2019, the emerging curator will present their proposal to AAP's exhibition committee. The proposal will include an overview of the exhibition, artist call, curatorial statement, programming, and budget.

Upon completion of the site visits and approved exhibition proposal and budget, the emerging curator will receive a \$250 honorarium. The emerging curator will receive a small stipend for educational and networking expenses, and transportation costs will be reimbursed.

#### **January – May 2019: Emerging Curator Exhibition**

The Emerging Curator Exhibition will open May 2019 and feature the work of AAP members. In preparation for the exhibition, the emerging curator will work with staff to create the needed promotional print material,

website presence, labels, curatorial statement, etc. The emerging curator will also be required to arrange complimentary and inventive programming.

AAP will cover the expenses of the exhibition. The emerging curator will receive a \$500 stipend for their work as juror and curator of the exhibition.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants do not need to have a fully realized exhibition in order to apply. The exhibition will be developed throughout the process. Applications must include the following materials:

- Résumé/CV (limit: 1 page)
- Evidence of past curatorial work. If possible, include images of the exhibition. (limit: 2 pages)  
Note: if this will be your first curatorial endeavor, please note.
- A one-page written statement that addresses the following
  - Why do you want to be AAP's emerging curator?
  - What do you consider your curatorial intentions?
  - What do you hope to achieve through the education, mentoring, and training provided by this program?

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

- This application is open to anyone interested in curating. AAP does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status.
- Applications are due Tuesday, July 31, 2018 by 11:59 p.m.
- Email applications to [aap@aapgh.org](mailto:aap@aapgh.org)
- Incomplete applications or applications over the page limits cannot be evaluated.

Any questions? Please email [aap@aapgh.org](mailto:aap@aapgh.org) or call 412.361.1370.