



The Big Picture

The Sanctuary's Local Artist Residency program is an opportunity for Humboldt County-based artists of all types to spend 1 to 3 months utilizing the Sanctuary as their primary studio space. Located in downtown Arcata, the Sanctuary is a community arts center and non-profit organization based in an historic building that was constructed in 1916 to be the Arcata Women's Clubhouse. Today, it is a bustling music venue, art gallery, community center, and artists' workshop, with lab facilities including printmaking, ceramics, textiles, woodworking, music recording, bicycle repair, gardening, homesteading, and more.

Local residents will receive full access to the Sanctuary's lab facilities, and are encouraged to freely expand their creative practice by producing work, and experimenting with new possibilities. Past residents have activated the Sanctuary's facilities with recording sessions, book-making projects, pop-up art shows, and the production of prints, ceramics, and performance pieces. In addition, residents have utilized the Sanctuary's gathering spaces to make offerings to the larger community, through educational workshops, concerts, dinners, and dance parties.

Regardless of medium, it is our hope that all artist residents will draw on the Sanctuary's mission statement: *The Sanctuary is dedicated to creative growth through artful living. We encourage people to teach, inspire and know each other.*

The Details

Schedule: Local residencies are available each month from February through November. We are looking to schedule residents for the duration of 1 to 3 full calendar months, with some flexibility.

Cost: The residency fee is \$100 per month, which is used to cover operating costs and utilities.

Stipend: Residents who create a community-minded event, workshop, or artwork can qualify for a small stipend. There are a limited number of stipends available for the 2019 season, and artists interested in receiving one should include a project proposal in their application.

Participation: Residents are encouraged to participate in the Sanctuary public events throughout their residency, including the weekly Taco Tuesday potluck, Saturday Open Lab hours, and the monthly Arts! Arcata open house on the second Friday of each month. Participation in these events will help build relationships with the community, and are a unique component of this residency experience.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should write a letter explaining their art-making practice, what they hope to gain from a residency at the Sanctuary, which months they would be available to participate, contact info (phone/email) and three samples of past work or ongoing projects.

Letters can be sent via email to:

art@sanctuaryarcata.org,

or sent via mail to:

1301 J Street
Arcata, CA, 95521

Applications will be accepted until the end of the day on Nov 31st. Applicants will hear back from Sanctuary staff no later than December 15th.