

## **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County is inviting visual artists to submit applications for the Southeastern Artist in Residence (SEAR) program. The mission of the SEAR program is to provide a mid-career visual artist of exceptional artistic merit with an opportunity to lean into their craft through dedicated time, space, and funds to execute the completion of a body of work.

To be considered for the SEAR program, all materials must be received no later than May 15, 2025. Artists will be considered for one 6-month residency term as follows:

Fall 2025 Residency: July 1 – December 31, 2025

Spring 2026 Residency: January 1 – June 30, 2026

### **Activities**

The Arts Council will provide the following benefits to the artist in residence:

- \$1,250/month stipend (\$7,500 contract total).
- 24-hour access to studio space at the Arts Center located in downtown Fayetteville, NC.

The artist will be asked to complete the following:

- Complete a body of work for display during a solo gallery exhibition
- Serve as a Teaching Artist for Arts Council programming and lead two (2) public workshops.
- Hold studio hours where the public can view works in-progress.
- Co-curate one of the Arts Council's Exhibitions at the Arts Center.

### **Eligibility**

Applications will be accepted from mid-career visual artists, defined as a post-undergraduate artist who has a growing body of work supported by a CV that includes some professional exhibits and teaching artist activities. Applicants must reside in Cumberland, Hoke, Sampson, Scotland, or Robeson County.

### **Application Process:**

To be considered for the SEAR program, all materials must be received no later than May 15, 2025. Artists should digitally submit the following materials to [SarahB@theartscouncil.com](mailto:SarahB@theartscouncil.com):

- Artist Statement to include the proposed project set to be completed during the residency
- Teaching Artist Philosophy to include proposed public workshops completed during the residency
- Resume or CV
- Five (5) high-quality work samples indicative of the planned body of work developed during the residency

Applications will be reviewed by a panel composed of Arts Council staff and Board. Finalists may be asked for a short interview. Evaluation is based on artistic excellence, artist merit, and potential for artistic/professional growth.

**Questions:** Sarah Busman, Director of Community Engagement. [SarahB@theartscouncil.com](mailto:SarahB@theartscouncil.com)