

## **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County is inviting artists with teaching experience to submit applications for the Spring cycle of the new 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.

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### **Residency Term**

6 months, not including post-residency exhibit.  
Spring 2025 Residency: January 6 – July 31, 2025

### **Activities**

During the 6-month residency, 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.

During the 6-month residency, the artist in residence will complete a body of work for display during a solo gallery exhibition following residency. Additionally, the artist in residence will participate in the following activities:

- Serve as a Teaching Artist for Arts Council programming and lead two (2) public workshops.
- Lead gallery tours for visiting groups including public and private schools, institutions of higher learning, special needs programs, and senior programs (as necessary).
- 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 with teaching artist experience for the 2024-2025 pilot cycle. Applicants must reside in Cumberland, Hoke, Sampson, Scotland, or Robeson County.

For this residency program, the Arts Council defines mid-career 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.

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Applications include an Artist Statement to include the proposed project set to be completed during the residency, Teaching Artist Philosophy, Resume/CV, and five (5) high-quality work samples indicative of the planned body of work developed during the residency. Artist Statements and Teaching Artist Philosophy may be submitted in writing or by video introduction (3-5 minutes long). Applications are submitted digitally to the Arts Council at [SarahB@theartscouncil.com](mailto:SarahB@theartscouncil.com)

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Application materials for SEAR Artists 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 and Artist Merit. Artistic Excellence is defined as demonstrated talent in an art form as well as the overall excellence of the artist's work, and a clear commitment to time spent as a practicing artist. Artistic Merit is defined as a body of work that shows impactful and timely works that are significant to the Cape Fear region; Artistic Merit also lends itself to evaluating the artist's proposed body that will be completed during their residency. The proposed project must lead to artistic and professional growth for the Resident Artist.

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

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