

Ceramics Technician Program

About the Program

The PoMoArts Ceramics Technician Program (CTP) is geared towards ceramic artists early in their careers. The CTP provides experience in the non-profit arts sector in a supportive educational community. This 4-month program will provide professional experience through supporting the ceramics programs at PoMoArts. Working under the supervision of the Ceramics Manager, the CTP tech will gain an in-depth understanding of the maintenance and operation of a large studio, equipment, and assist in programming, working with clay makers of all levels.

The CTP Tech will support the work in a large active studio, developing their ceramics expertise and learning from our team. This position provides hands-on experience in all aspects of operating our ceramics programs with a focus on studio management, clay recycling, glazing, and program management in a non-profit community arts organization.

APPLY NOW: We are currently accepting applications for our summer 2024 CTP happening May 1st - August 31st. Successful applicants can be hired for a maximum of three terms in a row.

Duties

The CTP Tech has a wide variety of responsibilities. They will be required to work up to 12 hours per week, this will include physical labour and, at times, heavy lifting as part of their regular duties. Each work shift will be four hours with a maximum of three shifts per week, assisting with daily operations in the studio.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Loading and unloading the kilns and document the process
- Maintaining and mixing studio glazes
- Cleaning and organizing the ceramics studio and equipment
- Pugging reclaimed clay
- Keep all equipment, tools, and supplies related to our ceramics studio organized, clean, and in good working order
- Assisting glaze student pieces and document the process
- Ensuring WHMIS and MSDS are being met to Health and Safety standards
- Ensuring that the studio is visitor-ready especially before a group or a field trip arrives
- Assisting Ceramics Manager in technical/facility projects
- Assisting in the production of Arts Centre ceramics such as mugs and plates for events
- Completing other tasks as reasonably required of this position

Value for Value

In exchange for the CTP Tech work, we are offering access to our ceramics studio for personal work time and some storage space. The CTP Tech will have access to all Open Studio hours in the ceramics studio up to 12 hours that match but no exceed weekly CTP Tech work hours. This offers the opportunity to apply learnings and maintain their artistic practice in a fully stocked studio.

Ceramic Studio Access:

- Full studio resources
- Personal storage space
- Access during Open Studio hours

Application Criteria

A successful applicant will be a hard worker with a demonstrated passion and dedication for ceramics. They will be a good communicator, problem-solver, and eager to increase their skill set. This program is geared towards ceramics artists or graduates interested in furthering their ceramic education and developing their portfolio.

The successful candidate will need to pass Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check.

Requirements:

- BFA or BA in ceramics or equivalent experience
- Ability to work with adults and children of all ages and abilities
- Strong work ethic and commitment to community service
- A general understanding of a variety of ceramics processes
- Ability to work up to 12 hours a week, 4-hour shifts that may include heavy lifting

Assets:

- Intermediate level of throwing and hand-building skills

Time Commitment

The CTP Tech should be prepared to work three days a week for 4 hours a day, during the full term for a total of 40 or 48 hours.

How to Apply

Please submit your application to ceramics@pomoarts.ca , according to the following guidelines:

- Subject Line: Ceramics Technician Program Application
- PDF format only with your COVER LETTER and RESUME/CV, a list of two professional references, and at least six (6) images of your work
- Your cover letter should clearly indicate why you are interested in this position, what you hope to learn, and what impact it will have on your professional development
- **Application Deadline: March 30th, 2024**

PoMoArts is an equal opportunity employer. We welcome applications from qualified individuals from diverse backgrounds, and do not discriminate on the basis of gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, or (dis)ability.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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