

# WORCESTER CENTER for | CRAFTS

## Artist in Residence Program

Application Deadline April 15, 2025

The Worcester Center for Crafts' Artist In Residence Program is a way to "sustain craft" and insure the next generation of artists carrying on craft tradition(s). Open to aspiring artists in Clay, Glass, and Metals (and those who might work across more than one medium), the Worcester Center for Crafts' Artist In Residence Program is designed to support the growth of pre-professional artists. Residents are chosen through a competitive process and are with the Center for one to two years.

## During the Residency, the Worcester Center for Crafts supports our artists by

- 24/7 access to studios and facilities
- Individual studio space
- Regular critiques with peers and advisory committee
- Teaching opportunities
- Exhibition in the Krikorian Gallery
- Opportunity to sell work in the Gallery Store
- Immersion in a creative community



Artists in Residence become part of the Worcester Center for Crafts faculty and staff. While continuing their focused pursuit of their creative work, they also have opportunities to teach, mentor students, provide studio support (six hours per/week), and actively participate in the diverse studio communities that make up the Worcester Center for Crafts. Each Studio Area has the option, on an as-needed basis, to select a resident technician who in lieu of teaching oversees technical management of that Studio Area's facility.



Equipped to support a range of ceramic forming and finishing processes, the Ceramics Studio can accommodate throwing, slip-casting, clay sculpture, tile making, glaze development, mold making, and ceramic design. Our students and artists enjoy 5 kiln and firing types: raku, electric oxidation, gas reduction, sodium vapor, and wood-fueled firing.

Worcester, as the second largest city in New England, offers a diverse and unique artistic community. Galleries and gift shops offer some opportunities for sales and exhibitions around the city and in the region. The Worcester Arts Council and other foundations offer opportunities for artists seeking funding for projects within the city.



Arts festivals to artist collaborative, live theater to opera, concerts that span the musical spectrum—all of these and more are found in Worcester. Worcester’s ten colleges and universities provide a host of lectures, films, performances, and creative interchanges throughout the year that are open to the public. Other dynamic cultural organizations in the area include the Worcester Art Museum, ArtsWorcester, Worcester Historical Museum, Tower Hill Botanical Garden, the American Antiquarian Society, the Russian Icon Museum, Tuckerman Hall, the DCU Center, the Hanover Theater for the Performing Arts, and much more.

Often referred to as the “Heart of the Commonwealth” because of its local in the center of Massachusetts, Worcester also offers easy access to Boston (1 hour), Providence (45 minutes), Hartford (1 ½ hours), and Portland, ME (3 hours).

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