

## Clay Studio Intern at Kentuck Art Center

**Job Description:** Learn about the workings of a non-profit organization, assist with the operation of two clay studios on Kentuck's campus, help to put on a nationally recognized festival, meet artists, and learn more about art!

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to intern with a nationally-recognized, non-profit arts organization. The Kentuck Festival of the Arts was voted number 5 arts festival in the United States in 2018, and Kentuck Art Center has a long history as the grassroots organization that fostered many now-famous self-taught artists' talents by fulfilling its mission to perpetuate the arts, engage the community, and empower the artist.

Kentuck's campus in Downtown Northport holds two clay studios, the Red Dog Potters studio with 30+ members, and Kentuck's Clay Studio which is a dedicated clay classroom space for workshops, open studios and special events. Between the two studios, we have three electric kilns, 12 pottery wheels, slab rollers, clay extruders, a glaze lab, and more.

The Clay Studio Intern will report to the Clay Studio Manager and will assist with operations between the two clay studios. In this position you can expect to learn and assist with mixing glazes, loading and unloading kilns, reclaiming clay, equipment repair, and other general studio maintenance/cleaning. The Clay Studio Intern will also work with all Kentuck staff in assisting with regular events, including but not limited to the Kentuck Festival of the Arts, monthly Art Nights, Saturday Art Markets, and other events as needed. Interns may also aid in facilitating education opportunities for the community by assisting with clay workshops for adults and children.

**Qualifications:** A strong creative background with exemplary social skills, enjoy working with the public, and thrives in a fast-paced, collaborative environment. Must have taken at least an introductory ceramics course and have enthusiasm to learn more.

**Preferred:** two or more courses in ceramics, is generally available on Fridays, available the first Thursday of each month and available during Kentuck Festival of the Arts October 19-20, 2024.

**Approximate Hours Per Week:** 18-20 hours per week

**Open Application Periods:** Fall 2024

**Contact Information:** Amy Smoot, Clay Studio Manager, [asmoot@kentuck.org](mailto:asmoot@kentuck.org)

**Additional Required Documents:** Cover Letter, Resume, 3-5 images of ceramic work. Email Documents and images to [asmoot@kentuck.edu](mailto:asmoot@kentuck.edu)

**Degree Level:** Bachelors

**Class Level:** Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior

**Minimum Grade Point Average:** 3.0

**Organization Overview:** Kentuck has a 52-year history as one of Alabama's premiere art centers and is known internationally for the Kentuck Festival of the Arts each October. Through the Festival and year-round programming, its mission of perpetuating the arts, engaging the community, and empowering the artist is fulfilled. Located in historic downtown Northport, Kentuck has a campus of six Studio Artists, two exhibition galleries, administrative offices, an artists' consignment/ gallery shop, a community clay studio, 2D classroom space, a clay classroom space, and a whimsical sculpture garden known as the Courtyard of Wonders. Kentuck's third and newest exhibition gallery is located on the first floor of Hotel Indigo in

downtown Tuscaloosa on Greensboro Avenue. It showcases art by regional artists who work with media, styles, or subject matter that is intrinsically Southern. Kentuck's Gallery Shop sells unique works of art, each handmade by one of more than 200 artists and craftspeople from all over the United States.

Kentuck has been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts, Alabama State Council on the Arts, the Daniel Foundation, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *Garden and Gun*, and *Southern Living*, as well as many others. In January of 2018, the Kentuck Festival of the Arts was named one of the top ten events in Alabama by the Alabama Department of Tourism and ranked number 5 arts festival in the country by *Sunshine Artists Magazine*. It is a 501(c)3 nonprofit established in 1971 as the Kentuck Museum Association.

Kentuck makes a \$5,500,000 economic impact on our community through the Festival alone, according to the Tourism and Sports Commission. For every \$1 invested in Kentuck, it puts \$32 back into the community.

The Kentuck Festival of the Arts—October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024— will give us approximately 65% of our income, which pays for the Festival and helps with about 25% of our operating funds. The City of Northport, Sam Faucett, Tuscaloosa County, the Alabama Power Foundation, the Daniel Foundation, the Alabama State Council on the Arts, and the City of Tuscaloosa have been several of our large donors. The remainder of our funding comes from private donors and members.

The Kentuck Museum Association, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

**Internships may also be available in:** Marketing/Public Relations; Business Administration; Museum Studies; Retail Management

## About Kentuck Art Center & Festival

Kentuck Art Center & Festival offers internships in Public Programs & Special Events, Development & Non-Profit Administration, and Creative Media & Marketing. Kentuck has a 48-year history as one of Alabama's premiere art centers and is known internationally for the Kentuck Festival of the Arts each October. In 2018, the Kentuck Festival of the Arts was named the number 5 festival in the U.S. by *Sunshine Artists Magazine*. Through the Festival and year-round programming, the mission of perpetuating the arts, engaging the community, and empowering the arts is fulfilled. Located in historic downtown Northport, Kentuck has a campus of 9 Studio Artists, 3 exhibition galleries, administrative offices, an artists' consignment/ gallery shop, a community clay studio, and a whimsical sculpture garden. In September 2016, Kentuck joined with Hotel Indigo in neighboring Tuscaloosa to offer a satellite gallery of work by Alabama artists. Kentuck's Gallery Shop sells unique works of art, each handmade by one of more than 200 artists and craftspeople from all over the United States. Kentuck has been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts, Alabama State council on the Arts, the Daniel Foundation, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *Southern Living*, *Garden and Gun*, as well as many others. It is a 501(c)3 nonprofit established in 1971 as the Kentuck Museum Association. Kentuck makes a \$5,500,000 economic impact on our community through its two-day Festival alone. For every \$1 invested in Kentuck, we put \$32 back into the community. The Kentuck Festival of the Arts--October 14th - 15th, 2023—will give us approximately 65% of our income, which pays for the Festival and helps with about 25% of our operating funds. The City of Northport, Sam Faucett, Tuscaloosa County, the Alabama Power Foundation, the Daniel Foundation, the Alabama State Council on the Arts, and the City of Tuscaloosa have been several of our large donors. The remainder of our funding comes from private donors and members. Kentuck Museum Association, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

## ***Location***

503 Main Avenue, Northport, Alabama 35476, United States

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## ***Compensation***

*TYPE*

Unpaid

*DURATION*

Temporary / Seasonal

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## ***Company Details***

*COMPANY SIZE*

1 - 10 employees

*INDUSTRY*

Non-Profit - Other industry

*COMPANY TYPE*

Private company

*HEADQUARTERS*

503 Main Avenue

*WEBSITE*

<http://www.kentuck.org>

*SOCIAL MEDIA*

<https://www.facebook.com/Kentuck.Art.Center/>

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## ***Employer Preferences***

*MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GPA*

3.0

*ALLOWED SCHOOL YEARS*

Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Graduating Spring/Summer - 2024

*ALLOWED MAJORS*

Visual & Performing Arts, Museum Studies, Graphic Design, Fine & Studio Arts, Design & Applied Arts, Art History, Individual Studies, General Studies, Public Relations, Digital Communication, Communication & Media Studies, Advertising, Management Science, International Business, Business Administration & Management, Sport Business & Marketing, Retail & Hospitality Administration, Parks, Recreation & Leisure Studies, Operations Management, Non Profit Management, Marketing, Finance & Financial Management, Entrepreneurship, Drama & Theatre Arts majors.

*WORK AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS*

US work authorization is required, but the employer is accepting OPT/CPT candidates

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