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NEWCOMER SPACE AWARD

Deadline: April 19, 2022 at 11:59PM

The Newcomer Space Award is a partnership between Toronto Arts Foundation's Neighbourhood Arts Network and [Akin](#). This award focuses on providing affordable shared studio and/or exhibition space to newcomer professional artists who are past recipients of our Newcomer Arts Access Award (formerly known as RBC Arts Access Award). This award not only provides funding and space essential for professional artists to grow their practice, but also supports artists in growing their network through the shared studio space model.

Applications will be administered by Neighbourhood Arts Network and assessed by an award panel of professional artists and cultural workers.

The Newcomer Space Award is made possible with the support of RBC.

A total number of 6 recipients will receive:

- \$500 cash to support their arts practice
- \$2,000 in Akin credit to be used for shared studio or exhibition space*

** Credit must be used within a year of receiving the award. Space is subject to availability.*

All Newcomer Space Award recipients will be required to sign an additional agreement with Akin for the use of studio and/or exhibition space as well as abide to Akin's code of conduct.

Eligibility Criteria

- Past Recipient of Newcomer Arts Access Award (formerly known as RBC Arts Access Award)
- Live in the City of Toronto or GTA (Halton, Peel, York and Durham municipalities)

Artists can only receive the Space Award once per calendar year.

Assessment Criteria

Recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Impact of the award in further developing the artist's practice(s)
2. Feasibility of the proposed use of studio/exhibit space

Links to AKIN studio and exhibition spaces

We encourage you to visit the following links for details on: exhibition space, studio locations and photographs, and other Akin services.

Akin: www.akincollective.com

Akin Studio page: <https://www.akincollective.com/map>

Akin Remote Gallery Space: <http://www.akincollective.com/remote>

Akin's Code of Conduct: <http://www.akincollective.com/code-of-conduct>

Akin's Health & Safety Policy: www.akincollective.com/health-and-safety

Application Accessibility Support

Applicants who require support to complete their applications can request this assistance by April 4th, 2022 by emailing Inés Aguilera at ines@torontoarts.org

Toronto Arts Foundation's Equity Policy

Toronto Arts Foundation is committed to equity and inclusion and welcomes nominations from diverse cultural and geographic communities within the City of Toronto, including artists of colour, Deaf artists, Disabled artists, and/ or are living with mental illness, Indigenous artists, artists who self-identify as 2SLGBTQIAP+, newcomer and refugee artists, young and emerging artists, and artists working outside the downtown core.

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QUESTIONS?

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ABOUT THE PARTNERS

The **Toronto Arts Foundation**, a charitable organization, provides the opportunity for individuals, private and public foundations, corporations and government agencies to invest in and strengthen the arts in Toronto. We are powered by a vision: Creative City: Block by Block, a commitment to connect every Toronto neighbourhood to the transformative social and economic benefits of the arts. Through sponsorships, legacy gifts and donations to our Creative City Funds, Toronto Arts Foundation gives voice to the arts, shines the spotlight on Toronto's exceptional talent, and connects communities to the arts.

A strategic initiative of the Toronto Arts Foundation, the **Neighbourhood Arts Network** is the place where arts and community engagement meet in Toronto. We catalyze new discussions and relationships. We collect research and share information. We help artists and community organizations do what they do best: enrich Toronto and transform it into a more vibrant, beautiful, liveable city. To learn more, please visit www.neighbourhoodartsnetwork.org

Akin Collective is a Toronto-based arts organization that provides affordable studio space as well as arts-based programming through its sister non-profit organization, [Akin Projects](#).

Their studios provide a working environment that maintains a friendly and inspiring atmosphere where people can work on creative endeavours and entrepreneurial undertakings of all kinds. Akin builds community through monthly art critiques, workshops, open studio events, gallery tours, exhibitions, as well as various other art projects.