OPEN CALL: UEPF Studio Apprenticeship Program at Mullowney Printing in Portland, Oregon

<u>Mullowney Printing</u> is pleased to announce an open call for the 2024/2025 Studio Apprenticeship Program. The <u>Apprenticeship Program</u> is an exciting opportunity for emerging artists working in traditional print media to expand their skills in professional studio practices, technical printing proficiency, and historical & contemporary knowledge by working in a fine art print publishing studio. This year, we will select two individuals for two studio apprenticeship positions. Learn more about past awardees on our <u>website</u>.

The program aims to provide awardees with the skills needed to pursue a graduate level program, a master printer program, or the creation of their own print studio and studio practice. Duties of awardees include assisting as a studio apprentice three days per week, while working on fine art print publishing projects with visiting artists of national and regional caliber.

In return, awardees will receive a monthly stipend, stipend for supplies, 24/7 studio and equipment access, designated studio space, and mentorship from master printers and visiting artists. Awardees are expected to use the opportunity to further their own fine art practice in traditional print media and, with the support of Mullowney Printing staff, produce a small exhibition at the end of their time at Mullowney Printing.

Successful candidates show a strong passion for traditional printmaking, a keen awareness of social justice issues and the role of printmaking in addressing inequality — both traditionally, and in our time.

Dates for the 2024/2025 Studio Apprenticeship Program:

- Application is currently open
- Application deadline May 31, 11:59 am, PT 2024
- Selectees Notified Early July, 2024
 - Fall Studio Apprentice Position: Begins October 2024 to April 2025.
 - **Spring Studio Apprentice Position:** Begins April 2025 to September 2025.

Eligibility

The application is now open to all emerging visual artists living in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, who are working in the realm of traditional printmaking, and who are currently in, or have recently graduated from a BFA or MFA program, or can demonstrate equivalent experience.

Applicants should demonstrate a strong desire to use this opportunity to further their career and practice in traditional printmaking, in order to move on to master printer positions, sustained individual studio practice, or an MFA program.

Studio Apprenticeship Benefits

- \$1,500 a month stipend in exchange for three days per week working as a studio apprentice under the mentorship of Mullowney Printing master printers, assistants and interns.
- 24/7 studio and equipment access for the pursuit of individual projects in print media.
- \$500 stipend for supplies
- Exhibition space for a weekend show and artist talk at Mullowney Printing at the end of the awardees time at the studio.

Submission Guidelines (please submit writing in .pdf formatting)

- **Application Letter of Intent** Maximum 500 words. Describe your desire to be selected for this internship position; as well as the impact it would have on your practice and your future. Describe your printmaking experience, including your strengths and weaknesses with traditional printmaking processes. Please communicate your preferred apprenticeship dates (Fall or Spring).
- **Two letters of recommendation** from professors and/or employers who can speak to your work ethic, professionalism, and enthusiasm.
- **Two professional references** in addition to the recommenders listed above who can be contacted for reference.
- **Up to five images** of your recent visual work highlighting your studio practice. (.jpegs or .jpgs file format. Please keep files under 1.5 mb)
- Recent CV or Resume
- Artist statement 200 words maximum.

Please submit all work to <u>undergrowthprintfund@gmail.com</u> We prefer all work submitted in a single compressed .zip file or single folder in Google Drive.

For further questions please contact us at undergrowthprintfund@gmail.com or visit <u>mullowneyprinting.com/studio-apprenticeship</u>

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