

PAIR Call for Artists FAQs

- 1. Who can apply?**

Artists living in New York City and who are 18+ years old are welcome to apply. For additional eligibility, visit the application forms at: <https://nyculture.submittable.com/submit>
- 2. Do I have to be living or working in New York City?**

Yes. This opportunity is intended to serve NYC-based artists.
- 3. Do I have to be a U.S. citizen?**

No. However, the artist must be eligible to work in the U.S. for the length of the residency. The residency will not sponsor green cards, visas, or citizenship. Paperwork should be sorted out prior to residency start date, which is not flexible.
- 4. I'm a student. Do I qualify?**

Unfortunately, currently enrolled students are not eligible for the Public Artists in Residence opportunity.
- 5. Can I apply for multiple PAIR open calls?**

Yes, artists may apply for multiple PAIR open calls. However, an artist may be selected for one residency only.
- 6. Can artists in any medium apply?**

Yes. Artists who work in all mediums are encouraged to apply, however, artists must have extensive experience with community engagement and collaboration as part of his/her practice.
- 7. Can artists at any level in their career apply (emerging, mid, established)?**

While artists at any level in their career may apply, the PAIR program seeks artists with a proven track record of working with multiple stakeholders/organizations and with considerable experience using art to address public issues (social, political, economic, environmental, medical, etc.), and demonstrated artistic excellence.
- 8. How long is the PAIR residency period?**

Initial PAIR agreements are for a one-year commitment and DCLA and the host agency's financial commitment is for 1 year only. In some cases, residencies can be extended when so mutually desired, though new sources of funding would need to be **identified** and secured.
- 9. Is this a teaching artist position?**

The PAIR program does not specifically require artmaking workshops or similar courses. Instead, we are seeking artists who will create new work that is collaborative in nature. We hope that participation in the residency will further the artists' practice and better the work of the partner agency.
- 10. Who will select the artist?**

The artist will be chosen by a panel consisting of **agency representatives**, expert arts professionals, and artists.
- 11. Is there a culminating exhibition?**

Each residency must include at least one public-facing component. The selected artists, in collaboration with the host agencies, decide what form that component will take.
- 12. Will the City agencies help to facilitate collaboration with the community and/or offsite collaborative works?**

The artists are expected to have the experience and capacity to conceive of and implement all community/collaborative work. That being said, City agencies will assist artists in reaching populations served by the agency. Selected artists will have weekly meetings with points of contact at both the host agency and DCLA, to discuss the evolving project and seek guidance whenever necessary.

13. **Are there resources available for the fabrication and production of works?**

The PAIR award for each residency is \$40,000, **inclusive** of any production and fabrication expenses. In addition, the selected artist will have access to free shopping days at **Materials for the Arts**.