

A CALL FOR SCHOHARIE ARTISTS

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**SUNY COBLESKILL
INSTITUTE FOR RURAL VITALITY
Center for Arts and Culture
and
Schoharie CREATE
Arts Council**

Artist Fellowship Program

The Institute for Rural Vitality at SUNY Cobleskill (IRV), through its Center for Arts and Culture and in collaboration with Schoharie CREATE Arts Council, is pleased to announce an Artist Fellowship Program.

The IRV Artist Fellowship Program (AFP) is an education-based program that focuses on the nexus between ecology, arts, and rural culture. The fellowship will call attention to the economic development and quality of life achieved by the integration of the arts into rural culture.

The IRV program is designed specifically for Schoharie-based artists who are interested in art education on both a community and collegiate level, while receiving support to develop their own, self-directed work by pursuing an artistic project that culminates in a public exhibit.

This nine-month fellowship is available for a Schoharie County (NY) resident working in the fields of photography, painting & drawing, mixed media, video, and ceramics & sculpting. The fellowship is scheduled to begin September 1, 2019, and run until May 1, 2020. The Artist Fellow will receive a stipend of \$5,000 plus \$2,000 for supplies. An on-campus studio space will also be provided.

More information about IRV may be found at:

<https://www.cobleskill.edu/institute/index.aspx>

Selection Process

The successful artist will be selected based on their proposed art project for the AFP, through an exploration of the visual quality of their artwork, written proposal, and the ability to thrive in a rural academic setting.

The screening committee will schedule phone/online interviews of selected applications that meet the requirements of the AFP. Finalists will then be invited for on-campus interviews. The final selection will be determined by July 26th.

Members of the Screening Committee will be identified by IRV and Schoharie CREATE. It is important to note that this "Call for Artists" announcement and subsequent applications do not commit to any decision. Further, the IRV reserves the right to: (i) award the AFP to anyone at any time for any reason; and, (ii) change, amend, withdraw, cancel, and/or terminate this AFP at any time for any reason. This position is a grant-funded position through the Research Foundation of SUNY Cobleskill, and is not a state agency; the fellow will not be part of the state retirement plan.

Fellowship Requirements

- Residency in Schoharie County
- A commitment from September 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020
- A description, from the artist's perspective, of their project and how it will demonstrate the nexus between ecology, arts, and rural culture, as well as how it will bring attention to the economic development and quality of life by integrating the arts into rural culture
- A project plan
- Create an exhibit of their work at the end of the fellowship
- Conducting an evening artist talk with students and community members is expected; the IRV executive board and the artist will determine the topic and format of the talk
- A final report that outlines the artist's strategic and technical approach to their project along with thoughts and suggestions on advancing and promoting the arts in Schoharie County that includes organization, education, role of technology, culture, and arts center, along with an exposition on the importance of the arts in the Schoharie community

Proposal Guidelines

Through their application proposal, artists must identify their project's approach that conveys their connection of bringing ecology/environment and arts together. The proposal must meet the requirements of the AFP as outlined in the "Fellowship Requirements" section above, and the "Application Instructions" below. If there are any questions about the Proposal Guideline, please contact the Project Coordinator. Additionally, the proposal and application documents become the property of IRV and will not be returned.

If there will be more than one artist working on the project, please provide the name(s) of the participant(s), their respective role(s), and their expertise. Please note that additional participants will not impact the stipend or the supplies budget.

Application Instructions

Applicants must email their complete applications:

orgeroed@cobleskill.edu

Please design subject line: "IRV ARTIST APPLICATION"

Application deadline is July 12, 2019

Program Coordinator: Elizabeth Orgeron, orgeroed@cobleskill.edu

A complete application must include:

- Artist statement
- Curriculum Vitae (cv)
- Project proposal
- Links to online artist portfolio and sites
- Three references with contact information who can speak to your expertise and capabilities