

Open call to artists:

Casa Familiar's The FRONT is currently looking for one Local Artist for a year long, paid artist residency.

Application Deadline Aug 1, 2022.

Casa Familiar's The FRONT Arte & Cultura is excited to announce that we will be serving as a Cultural Hub for the Artists At Work (AAW) initiative in partnership with THE OFFICE performing arts + film.

- Artists At Work (AAW) is a workforce resilience program designed to support the rebuilding of healthy communities through artistic civic engagement. Conceived as a public/private partnership, the program will provide a salary, plus full health benefits and professional development resources directly to participating artists; provide financial support to participating local cultural organizations; and connect both to the work of local social impact initiatives in areas such as child welfare, food and housing security, antiracism, physical and mental health, justice reform, sustainable and equitable development, environmental justice and climate resiliency, and immigration. It is designed to impact the whole ecosystem of a community.

Requirements:

- In-need of full-time employment
- Have, or are interested in, developing a social practice (antiracism, immigration, environmental justice, LGBTQ rights, homelessness, health, equity, among others)
- A valid social security number, applicable visa / right to work in the United States.
- Currently residing and planning to stay in San Diego or Tijuana from Oct 2022 - Oct 2023

Through this residency, participating artists will:

- Engage with their studio practice daily.
- Work in partnership with a local Social Impact Initiative or Community Partner to help bring focus to issues that are relevant and responsive to

the needs of the San Diego border region (approximately 13-15 hours/week).

- Create new work as part of an ongoing project in partnership with The FRONT Arte & Cultura and a local Social Impact Initiative.
- Attend monthly Professional Development workshops and Artist Work Shares.
- Be responsible for monthly progress surveys (via email) to be submitted to THE OFFICE performing arts + film.
- Keep a video, audio or written journal and/or other documentation of the work created during the residency.
- Be employed by THE OFFICE performing arts + film for the 12-month term and receive a salary and benefits

To apply for this program, please email franciscom@casafamiliar.org with the following:

1. A short artist Bio
2. Portfolio (PDF, Power Point, Video, website)
3. **A cover letter answering the following questions:**
 - Do you consider yourself a border artist?
 - What is the nature of your current employment status?
 - Are you currently involved in working with a Social Impact Initiative or are you currently involved with a local organization?
 - Are interested in working in a social impact initiative and why?

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Artists At Work was an idea inspired by the WPA and founded by THE OFFICE performing arts + film with an initial pilot in Western Massachusetts in 2020. Following that success, AAW was recently awarded \$3M by the Mellon Foundation to expand its program in other parts of the country, including the Borderlands Region in fall 2022. More information can be found at artists-at-work.org.

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