

Call for Assistant Artist(s)

Deadline: May 17, 2021 at 5pm

DESCRIPTION

Mural Routes, the E.W.o.C. Project (Equity for Women of Colour), the Community Arts Guild, and the Toronto Zoo have partnered to produce *In Our Nature*, a multidisciplinary public art project that celebrates Women of Colour in the Scarborough community. A City of Toronto Cultural Hotspot Signature Project, *In Our Nature* will spotlight Women of Colour who are active in community work in a green space, changing the narrative around this group's access, perceived safety and sense of belonging in public spaces. The project will be located along Meadowvale Road walking trail, outside of the Toronto Zoo.

As part of the larger project, Mural Routes and the E.W.o.C. Project will produce five (5) mural panel installations that will be embedded into the hillside along the walking trail (visible August-October 2021). The artwork will purposefully degrade over time to reveal the underset images of the Women beneath the greenery.

Assistant Artist(s) will assist the E.W.o.C. Project (lead artist) with the preparation, painting, and installation of the mural panel installations. Painting will take place at Mural Routes' office (1859 Kingston Rd) in Scarborough (*subject to public health guidelines).

Selected participants will receive mentorship from Mural Routes and the E.W.o.C. Project throughout the production process regarding topics such as project management, professional and industry standards, complexities around working in the public realm, career development, community engagement processes in the arts, and mural-making skills.

ELIGIBILITY

All artists legally able to work in Canada are eligible to apply. This position is targeted at Scarborough-based emerging artists who are looking to explore mural making and/or upgrade their skills. Priority will be given to racialized, female-identifying youth.

TIMELINE

Date(s)	Project phase
May 17, 2021	Deadline: Call for Assistant Artists
May 30, 2021	Selected artists are notified



July 2 – July 28, 2021	Production of Artwork
August 2 – August 13, 2021	Artwork installation
August 14 – August 21, 2021 and October 16 – October 24, 2021	Attend project unveiling and celebration

SELECTION PROCESS

Assistant Artist(s) will be chosen by a jury composed of project partner representatives. Assistant Artist(s) will be notified of the selection by May 30, 2021.

Selected artists will be paid an honorarium of \$1,200 for their participation.

Assistant Artist(s) should be able to commute to the Mural Routes office and the Toronto Zoo in Rouge National Urban Park as needed during the period of the project.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested artists must email Parts I to III of the application (the Proposal Information, Portfolio Images, and CV – details below), combined into one single PDF document, with the subject line ‘PROPOSAL – In Our Nature’ to: Jenneen Beattie, Program Manager, jenneen@muralroutes.ca by the deadline.

PART I. Proposal Information

Include the following:

- Name(s), AKA (artist pseudonym)
- Contact Information: Address, Phone, and E-mail
- Website (if applicable)
- Social media links (if applicable)
- A short artist statement (150 words max.)
- A short summary outlining why you are interested in participating and what it would mean for your career growth (250 words max)

PART II. Portfolio

Include a portfolio of 5-10 images of relevant work: mural projects and/or other personal artworks.

PART III. CV

Include an up-to-date Artist CV.

Please contact Jenneen Beattie, Program Manager at Mural Routes, at jenneen@muralroutes.ca if you need assistance with responding to this call.

