



Assistant: Art + Design

Location: Community Programming, Vancouver (various)

Employment Type: Part Time

About Arts Umbrella

Arts Umbrella is where young artists ages 2–22 cultivate their creativity in Dance, Theatre, and Visual Arts. As a non-profit organization for arts education, we believe that art is powerful. Powerful enough to change kids' lives in incredible ways. When young people connect with the arts, they gain self-confidence, develop self-discipline, and discover creative expression—things they carry with them for life. Arts Umbrella has four locations in Vancouver and Surrey, as well as donor-funded programs at schools, community centers, neighborhood houses, and healthcare facilities across Metro Vancouver. We reach close to 21,000 students every year, with nearly 80% participating at little to no cost.

Now celebrating over 41 years, Arts Umbrella has made the exciting move into the South Building of the former Emily Carr University of Art + Design on Granville Island in April 2021. This exceptional opportunity will allow Arts Umbrella to further our vision for a better world where all young lives are inspired to pursue a lifelong journey towards self-expression, compassion, and humanity. It is our mission to be Canada's leader in arts education for young people; to build community and deliver profound life experiences through our commitment to innovation, excellence, and inclusivity. Arts Umbrella is an organization full of heart, where self-expression and creativity are valued and nurtured.

Diversity & Inclusion

Arts Umbrella is dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion. Our commitment is reflected in our programming, the audience we engage with, the students we serve as well as the staff we employ. Diversity and inclusion in our organization means fostering a workplace in which individual differences are recognized, appreciated and respected. We actively seek applications from Indigenous peoples, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others with knowledge in diversity and inclusion to help us strengthen our commitment.

The opportunity

Reporting to the Coordinator of Community Programming, Assistants help support the program Instructor, implement positive student engagement techniques and act as ambassador of Arts Umbrella in the communities we serve. This includes:

- Support program Instructors, ensuring supplies and learning spaces are prepared at the start of each class, and working with Instructors to ensure students are safe and engaged at all times while participating in Arts Umbrella programs.



- Assistants are expected to work as part of a team with Instructors and community partners in implementing Arts Umbrella's unique and creative vision for the benefit of all students participating in programs. Assistants and Instructors act as ambassadors of Arts Umbrella, consistently communicating with community partners at the start and end of each class.

Available Roles:

A number of part-time assisting roles are available on weekdays, Monday to Friday.

About you

Candidates will have knowledge of their artistic practice combined with previous experience working with children and youth facing oppression, including but not limited to precarious housing situations, poverty, food insecurity, unsettled home life, intergenerational trauma, racialization and underrepresentation. Candidates have proven ability to inspire creativity in children and youth, have an understanding of Arts Umbrella's vision and mission, and can demonstrate anti-oppressive standards for instruction in their current practice.

How to apply

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of kids & teens, please forward your resume and cover letter in one document to job@artsumbrella.com no later than **November 29, 2021** with **Assistant: Art + Design** in the subject line. We will review resumes as they arrive and schedule interviews when appropriate.

Arts Umbrella thanks all applicants for their interest and advises that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. ***No phone calls please.***