



Lead Clay Technician

Employment Type: Part Time Contract - End Date August 31, 2023

Location: Granville Island

About Arts Umbrella

Arts Umbrella is where young artists ages 2–22 cultivate their passion and creativity in the visual and performing arts. As a non-profit organization entirely dedicated to arts education for children and youth, we believe that art is powerful. A professional faculty delivers a wide range of instruction at every level, including post-secondary scholarship programs across the spectrum of creative fields. With locations in Vancouver and Surrey, Arts Umbrella delivers tuition-based programs as well as donor-funded community-based programs. Each year, Arts Umbrella serves more than 20,000 young people, with nearly 80% through community-based arts education programs, bursaries, and scholarships.

Recently Arts Umbrella opened the doors of its new, 50,000 net-square-foot facility on Granville Island. With this exceptional opportunity, Arts Umbrella is poised to further our vision for a better world where the next generations are inspired to seek wonder through the arts. 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 ("AU") is an organization full of heart, where self-expression and creativity are valued and nurtured.

The Opportunity

The Lead Clay Technician will have the opportunity to utilize both their technical expertise and leadership capabilities to build an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere. Reporting to Artistic Director, Art & Design, the Lead Clay Technician will work collaboratively to support all overarching ceramic program goals and be responsible for the day-to-day management of all the operational and technical aspects of Arts Umbrella's ceramic studio.

In this role you will

- Manage inventory & stock of all studio supplies, maintaining cost & quality control
- Manage & direct clay disposal/recycling
- Glaze preparation, research & development & testing
- Kiln firing (electric) & maintenance
- Basic maintenance & testing of equipment, and coordination of repairs with outside contractors
- Maintain a safe & clean work environment, conducting cleanup of abandoned work regularly
- Develop & clearly communicate proper safety & studio usage expectations, and enforce them
- Maintain positive & effective communication with the Art & Design Programming & Faculty teams
- Maintain all Health and Safety records including up-to-date MSDS Sheets
- Perform related duties in keeping with the purpose and accountabilities of the job



Here is what you bring

- University/College Fine Arts Degree with a significant focus on ceramics OR other equivalent professional experience working with ceramics
- Ability to create ceramic art in both hand-built and wheel-thrown forms
- Demonstrated technical competency in all aspects of ceramic studio operations
- Demonstrated physical capacity needed to manage a busy environment, with frequent interruptions, while prioritizing and resolving requests
- Ability to work independently and effectively as a member of a team
- Collaborative leadership style that values constructive input and demonstrates a strong ability to lead by example on best practices
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Strong organizational skills and process-oriented
- Excellent interpersonal skills with a customer service orientation
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite programs, email and other standard office use software
- First Aid, CPR and AED certificate is an asset
- Artistic, creative, inspirational!

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.

How to apply

Send your resume and cover letter to job@artsumbrella.com, indicating **Lead Clay Technician** in the subject line. We strongly encourage applicants to apply as soon as possible, as we will review resumes and schedule interviews as they arrive. This position will remain open until filled.

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