



Assistant Clay Technician

Employment Type: Part Time Contract (Up to 10 hrs/week)

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

Reporting to the Artistic Director, Art & Design, the Assistant Clay Technician is responsible for supporting the Lead Clay Technician in providing technical support for all ceramic program area. This includes:

In this role you will

- Assist with the maintenance of the ceramic studio and facilities on a regular basis, including general organization, replenishment of supplies and cleanliness, with special attention paid to kiln firing (loading & unloading), clay disposal/recycling, and glaze preparation
- Assist with the maintenance of ceramics equipment including communicating any necessary repairs, preventative maintenance, and replacement needs to the Lead Clay Technician
- Support in one-on-one and group training to others regarding proper use, operation, and minor maintenance of ceramic studio equipment, where necessary
- Assist with the collection of requirements, planning and design of clay sculpture and ceramics solutions for specific class or studio needs.
- Provide input regarding smooth running of ceramic studios to Lead Clay Technician
- Maintain good communication with Art & Design Programming & Faculty teams
- Perform related duties in keeping with the purpose and accountabilities of the job



Here is what you bring

Candidates will have an extensive arts background and past experience in ceramics combined with a proven ability to inspire creativity in children and youth. Candidates have an understanding of Arts Umbrella's vision and mission, and demonstrate the Standards for Instruction in their current practice. A Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts or related discipline and experience with educational curriculum and children is preferred.

- Demonstrate some technical competency of ceramic studio operations
- Responsible, detail-oriented, organized and naturally curious with a passion for consumer and professional ceramic processes, equipment and technologies
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal, communication, problem-solving and organizational skills
- Ability to work under tight deadlines
- Ability to work a busy environment, with frequent interruptions, while prioritizing and resolving user requests
- Ability to work independently and effectively as a member of a team
- 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 **Assistant 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.*