



Artist-in-Residence Program Overview and Application

Bayou City Waterkeeper's (BCWK) Artist-In-Residence program provides artists with an opportunity to creatively explore solutions around pressing water challenges in greater Houston. Residency topics can explore water injustices, water histories, water infrastructure, or more BCWK-specific projects including wetlands, clean water, flooding. While each residency will be unique according to the interest and skills of the artist, over time this program will help BCWK develop new knowledge, ideas, and approaches to problem-solving and engagement around water justice. Please submit proposals by September 15 through [this form](#) for priority consideration. For questions, please contact info@bayoucitywaterkeeper.org.

What will this residency look like in action?

- Six months devoted to research and artmaking, committing to 5 hours per week
- Monthly check-ins with a staff member
- 1 blog post including writing, images, and/or sound towards the end of the residency
- A culminating creative project that reflects community-engaged art practice around your proposed topic
- A culminating public presentation (ex. workshop, lecture, tour, discussion)
- Stipend of \$2,000 and \$500 for materials

Application

Applicants may work in any artistic medium, and may submit 5 work samples as part of the application process. We ask that applicants who used time-based mediums (such as dance, music, and video) limit their work samples to no more than 20 minutes total. Anyone submitting written work is asked to limit their work sample to no more than 15 pages total.

- Written proposal (1 pages single spaced max) responding to the following prompt:
 1. What research topic(s) and question(s) around water would you like to explore through your residency, and how will you explore this through research and physical form through your final project?
 2. How is this issue relevant to Houston bodies of water, and how do you see community engagement tying into your work?
 3. How will your project build upon and/or advance the work of BCWK?
- Month-by-month timeline describing work and how you plan to achieve each of the intended outcomes (outlined below)
- Digital portfolio of up to 5 pieces of work, at least 3 of which must be in your desired medium
- Biography (2 paragraphs max)

About Bayou City Waterkeeper

Bayou City Waterkeeper (BCWK) is a water justice organization working across the [Lower Galveston Bay watershed](#) that encompasses greater Houston for more than two decades. With law and science, we work with local communities to build power, fill gaps in regulatory enforcement, and

push back against water injustices and irresponsible development. Our key program areas are Clean Water, Protecting Wetlands, and Just Climate Transitions. Learn more on [our website](#).