



Part Time Ceramics Studio Technician

2024

Position Summary

Vibrant, regional arts center seeks a Ceramics Studio Technician. This is a part-time exempt position of up to 18 hours per week, with occasional opportunity for more hours. The Ceramics Studio Technician is responsible for the operation and daily maintenance of The Umbrella's Ceramics Studio in collaboration with and under the supervision of the Ceramic Studio Manager.

Responsibilities generally include but are not limited to:

- Loading, firing, and general operation of electric kilns
- Maintenance and repair of electric kilns
- Glaze Fabrication
- Clay reclaim
- Cleaning and organization of the Ceramics Studio
- Restocking supplies
- Communicating and ensuring compliance of studio members with studio policy, norms, and safety

Qualification and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree or Minor in Ceramic Arts preferred
- Experience in all aspects of ceramic studio operation
- Experience loading and programming electric kilns
- Knowledge of glaze materials, proper mixing (clay and glazes) technique, and materials lab protocols and hazards
- Able to lift at least 50 pounds, bend over repeatedly (kiln loading)
- Bend, sit, push, pull, and perform tasks requiring manual dexterity
- Clear understanding and awareness of health and safety precautions relevant to ceramics and community studios

Compensation and Benefits

- \$25/hr
- Use of ceramic facilities for your own work during available hours. Use of up to 50 lbs of reclaimed clay free of charge. Additional clay can be purchased at cost. Amount of work able to

be produced subject to review by the Ceramic Studio Manager based upon the capacity limits of our space.

- Opportunity for additional employment as an instructor depending upon studio needs and experience.
- Participation and firing of work in our reduction and soda kilns.
- Exposure to a professional community studio, infrastructure, logistics, and operation. Exposure to professional ceramic class instruction.

Email a brief cover letter and and Resume to Zachary@theumbrellaarts.org

If you feel you can do this job, even if your background does not exactly match the job description, we encourage you to apply and tell your story.

The Umbrella is dedicated to building a more diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible community. Please see our [DEIA statement](#). Applicants from underrepresented populations are strongly encouraged to apply.

Founded in 1983, The Umbrella is a one-of-a-kind arts center in the heart of historic Concord, MA that completed a state-of-the-art renovation in 2020. It is home to a broad array of artistic programs and education opportunities for all ages including: more than 50 resident artist studios as well as programs for young artists; year-round arts education for adults and youth including a leading ceramics program and summer camp; one of the region's newest professional theater companies; film and music performance including the headliner concert series that has recently featured John Mayer, Lake Street Dive, and Brandi Carlile; and robust gallery exhibits by regional artists and beyond that intersect with programs across the organization. The Umbrella is about a 2-block walk from the MBTA Fitchburg Line Concord stop, and easily accessible from the Walden exit of Route 2 with ample free parking. See TheUmbrellaArts.org.