



# University Partnerships for BIPOC students

Since 2015, **the Studios at MASS MoCA** has hosted over 700 artists-in-residence, including many freshly-minted M.F.A. graduates.

At MASS MoCA's residency program, situated within the museum's factory campus and surrounded by the beautiful Berkshire Mountains, participating artists receive a private, furnished studio, a private room in apartments across the street, and one communal meal per day in the company of fellow artists-in-residence.

In 2021, as part of the Studios at MASS MoCA's continued commitment to uplifting the creative work of artists from historically marginalized communities, we are working with universities to offer **residency fellowships for BIPOC M.F.A. students or recent graduates**, with MASS MoCA absorbing an increased share of the residency cost to make it even more affordable for university partners.



Aerial view of the MASS MoCA campus

*“What a wonderful opportunity... Those residency weeks were a combination of having access to world-class art with the opportunity to visit and revisit galleries at MASS MoCA numerous times, sharing conversations and studio visits with other hard-working artists, and a studio in which experimentation could happen 24/7.”*

—Elizabeth Lide, AiR 2018

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## Major benefits that set the Studios apart from other artist residencies include:

- Access to MASS MoCA, the largest contemporary arts center in the country.
- Application jurying and Open Studio visits by MASS MoCA curators.
- One-on-one artist-focused financial and business coaching through MASS MoCA's "Assets for Artists" program.
- 24/7 studios access and a cohort of up to 12 fellow artists.
- **48% of last year's artists-in-residence were BIPOC artists, so your students know they will be among a cohort including other BIPOC artists.**



Josh Reyes, Artist-in-Residence 2019, M.F.A. from MICA 2019

"This is a great program for artists in general and *it really helps grad students make the transition out of school and into the real world*. Having access to the museum inspired my creativity and constantly gave me creative energy. Moving forward I have more clarity in my practice and in knowing the next practice steps to take in my career as an artist."

—Josh Reyes (MICA)

*In 2020, the Studios partnered with twelve universities who funded fellowships for their M.F.A. graduates or recent alumni, including: UArk, Bard, Boston University, Corcoran, MassArt, MICA, UMich-Stamps, University of Oregon, PAFA, SVA, VCU, & Yale. These were general fellowships open to any qualifying student.*



Example of an individual artist bedroom



Example of an individual artist studio

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# Scholarship Support for BIPOC artists

To open more doors to success, MASS MoCA is committed to creating more scholarship opportunities for emerging BIPOC artists to experience an artist residency of this caliber. Recognizing that a university's commitment to anti-racism may be hampered in 2021 by pandemic-related budget cuts, **we have set aside a portion of our 2021 budget to partner with universities, allowing those partners to support their BIPOC students at a reduced cost.**

FULL RESIDENCY COST	REDUCED UNIVERSITY RATE	DURATION	SPONSORED BIPOC ARTIST RECEIVES...
\$1,500	\$900	2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private studio space &amp; bedroom</li> <li>• Access to MASS MoCA galleries</li> <li>• Optional artist-focused financial training</li> <li>• Welcome dinner &amp; daily lunch</li> <li>• The opportunity to develop their artistic career and network at one of the country's top museums</li> </ul>
\$2,250	\$1,350	3 weeks	
\$3,000	\$1,800	4 weeks	

2021 residency full cost: \$750/wk. Reduced university rate for BIPOC artist fellowships: \$450/wk. Reduced rate fellowship must meet the Studios at MASS MoCA's focus of supporting artists of color.



2018 Artist-in-Residence Helina Metafaria interacts with a Sol LeWitt installation in the MASS MoCA galleries





*Artist-in-Residence Jamaal Peterman (recent Pratt MFA graduate) at a 2019 Open Studios at MASS MoCA*

## **Will you partner with the Studios at MASS MoCA to fund a fellowship for your BIPOC M.F.A. students or recent alumni?**

M.F.A. candidates and recent graduates are eager to gain the opportunity to be in residence at MASS MoCA, but many struggle to pay a residency fee, even if it is subsidized with partial financial aid. You can demonstrate your commitment to the future of your MFA candidates and especially to your candidates of color, by partnering with us to sponsor a Studios at MASS MoCA residency for them.

To discuss a University Partnership between **MASS MoCA** and your university for our 2021 season, contact Molly Rideout at [mr Rideout@massmoca.org](mailto:mr Rideout@massmoca.org). Visit [massmoca.org/studios](https://massmoca.org/studios) to learn more about our program.

## **THANK YOU!**

*NOTE: Qualifying applicants from a partnering institution are not guaranteed admission to the Studios at MASS MoCA and must first be accepted through our competitive juring process. University partners will only be asked to support those qualifying artists who are accepted and attend a residency.*

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