

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL
FOR THE ARTS
A PROGRAM OF



Job Posting: Architecture + Design Faculty (one position)

About GSA

Kentucky's Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) is a rigorous, innovative, and unique summer program that empowers the Commonwealth's next generation of creative leaders. The GSA summer program convenes a community of over 200 high school rising juniors and seniors from across the state to live in residency for three weeks of intensive college-level training under the guidance of a faculty of professional teaching artists. The program emphasizes interdisciplinary collaboration, the impact that artist-citizens can make in their communities, and college/career pathways that leverage students' creative gifts. GSA's nine core areas of study are Architecture + Design, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Film + Photography, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Visual Art, and Vocal Music. GSA is a program of Kentucky Performing Arts (formerly known as The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts).

About GSA's Architecture + Design Program

GSA's Architecture + Design program introduces students to ideas, processes, and techniques applied in many design fields. The goal of the program is to provide the framework within which students can explore the social, cultural, spatial, environmental, and abstract concepts that affect design. Project assignments focus on developing creative and analytical thought that is adaptable after GSA. Design thinking is introduced through a series of projects which include drawing, sculpture, and model-building exercises as part of an iterative process. Projects cross boundaries between traditional and contemporary techniques throughout the program. The studio curriculum is supplemented with discussions, critiques, notable examples, cross disciplinary works, and field trips - allowing students to observe and discuss architecture and design critically. Student work is curated for a public exhibition on the final day of GSA.

About this position

The Architecture + Design faculty consists of two independent contractors who are supported by a teaching assistant. They guide a class of 13 young artists who have been selected from across Kentucky through a competitive application process.

GSA seeks a faculty member for the summer 2020 Architecture + Design program who has experience developing curriculum, working with young students, and is comfortable in an intense, quickly changing studio environment. The curriculum for the program is planned by faculty but is subject to change in the moment based on studio conditions, available materials, and strengths of each year's group of students.

The 2020 program will take place **June 28 – July 18** on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY, with faculty planning taking place on **June 27**. During this time, faculty live in residence (room/board are provided), with days starting as early as 9:00 a.m. and ending as late as 10:00 p.m. Studio sessions take place seven days a week, although there are breaks scheduled in for faculty. Faculty are also required to participate in a day-long planning session on **March 22nd** in Lexington, KY, and to engage in planning communication with other faculty leading up to the summer program. The applicant offered this position may also be invited to adjudicate this year's Architecture + Design applicants at an in-person portfolio review on March 21st in Lexington.

Position requirements:

- Master's Degree or equivalent in experience.
- Experience in studio teaching; experience working with high school students preferred
- Experience teaching foundation-level two and three-dimensional design
- Experience teaching drafting methods and techniques
- Demonstrated experience as a professional artist.
- Experience hanging/participating in exhibitions.
- Ability and desire to collaborate with colleagues.
- Ability to proficiently function in a high-paced and intense learning environment.
- Ability to live in residence during three weeks of summer program.

To apply:

Please submit the following by **end of day on January 12th, 2020** to Nick Covault, Director of GSA, at ncovault@kentuckyperformingarts.org:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Reference List
- A portfolio of approximately 20 pages/images that showcase your professional/teaching work and research. Please limit each project/course to a few images. A few images of student work may be included, but please clearly label student work as such. We will use these materials to familiarize ourselves with the scope and focus of your work; as such, you may present a wide array of materials including drawings, renderings, images, diagrams, etc.

For additional information on the position, please call 502-566-5218 or email ncovault@kentuckyperformingarts.org