Residency Unlimited (RU) is pleased to announce an Open Call for the 2023 NYC-Based Artist Residency Program.

Dedicated to artists who are traditionally underrepresented in the arts, RU’s NYC-Based Artist Residency Program is accepting applications from artists who identify as Black, Indigenous and People of Color, with research-based practices that bridge gaps in historical knowledge. The three-month residency will take place from April 3 - June 30, 2023.

To learn about the 2021 NYC-Based Artist Residency program and exhibition click here.

Residency Unlimited (RU) is a non-profit art organization that supports the creation, presentation, and circulation of contemporary art and ideas through its unique residency program and year-round public programs. Located within a former South Congregational Church in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn, RU is a multifunctional space, acting as a hub and meeting place for RU’s various community activities and public programs, including, talks, screenings, performances, and exhibitions. Here, artists and curators-in-residence hold meetings, conduct research, and at times produce work.
Application Deadline: Tuesday January 31, 2023 at 11:59 pm EST
Notifications: Friday, February 17, 2023
Residency Dates: April 3 - June 30, 2023

APPLY HERE

Criteria:
- RU welcomes applications from BIPOC artists working across media
- Artists have a research-based practice that bridges gaps in historical knowledge
- Artists live in one of the five boroughs
- The artist has a valid social security number
- Matriculated students are not eligible
- Please note that this program does not offer studio space

Four artists will be selected from applications reviewed by a jury of arts professionals. Past jurors have included: Natasha Becker, Curator of African Art Fine Arts Museum San Francisco and co-founder of Assembly Room; Rachel Raphaela Gugelberger, Curator; Alaina Simone, artist liaison, art consultant, and curator; Christopher Udemezue (2020 RU alum), visual artist and founder of RAGGA NYC; and Ilk Yasha, Studio Museum Institute Coordinator.

Residency activities are expected to take place in-person and combine virtual activity as well. Please note that RU may modify the residency as needed in accordance with developing NYC, State and CDC COVID-19 guidelines to assure the safety of RU staff and residents.

The 2023 NYC-Based Artist Residency features:
- A $3,300 stipend
- $500 production support
- Weekly one-on-one visits with guest curators/critics, both in person and on-line, that align artistic/curatorial interests. Visits will include meetings with guest curator Rachel Raphaela Gugelberger, the RU team and invited art professionals
- Activities with international artist resident community including artist presentations, a monthly salon with guest curator Rachel Raphaela Gugelberger and field trips
- Project/production assistance
- A culminating group exhibition curated by Rachel Raphaela Gugelberger at PS122 Gallery in the East Village, June 5 - June 27, 2023
Rachel Raphaela Gugelberger is the Curator of Visual Arts at Wave Hill, a public garden and cultural center in the Bronx. An NY-based curator with a focus on place-based practices around social, cultural, and civic issues, exhibitions include Storying, the culminating exhibition for the 2021 NYC-Based Artist Residency Program; Bound up Together: On the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment at Smack Mellon, Brooklyn; Hold These Truths at Nathan Cummings Foundation in Manhattan and Jameco Exchange, a site-responsive and socially engaged education exhibition in a vacant storefront in Jamaica, Queens. She is an Editorial Fellow at Independent Media Institute where she is the founding editor of &Art, a project of Earth I Food I Life which highlights the work of cultural workers who integrate art, environmentalism, food justice, and the wellbeing of the planet’s inhabitants.

To fill out the application form, please have the following materials ready:
- Contact information
- Artist Statement (1500 characters / 250 words)
- Statement of Interest / Proposal (3000 characters / 500 words)
- Current CV (PDF format)
- PDF portfolio including up to 10 images of work including title, date, medium, dimensions and a brief narrative description (max 7MB)
- Please include links in the application for up to 3 performances and or time-based works

Please email nyc-based-res@residencyunlimited.org with questions.

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