

BENEDETTI TEACHING ARTIST RESIDENCY

Each year the MCLA Arts & Culture will invite artists to apply for a nine-month Visiting Instructor/Artist-in-Residence Fellowship in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, beginning the Fall of every school year. We seek dynamic exhibiting artists with an understanding of technical and conceptual issues in the medium of painting, sculpture, graphic design, illustration, or mixed media, with knowledge of historical and contemporary practices and a commitment to artistic imagination and education. The ideal candidate demonstrates experience and versatility in inclusive pedagogy. We are especially interested in qualified candidates who can contribute to diversity, equity and inclusion through their teaching and creative work. The Fellow is appointed on the basis of outstanding professional attainments, creative accomplishments, and recognition in their specific field, and renders specified service to the University including lectures, performances, demonstrations, master classes, and consultations.

The Fellow has access to a beautiful historic space in downtown North Adams, which is walking distance to campus, with approximately 1200 square feet with vaulted ceilings that encourage creativity. The Fellow will have their own office and a studio space. Classes will take place on campus in designated studio art classrooms and/or multipurpose areas.

Materials and supplies are the responsibility of the artist as well as housing. Expectation is that travel will be kept to a minimum, and the bulk of the time will be spent in residence at MCLA working and being a creative presence on campus and an inspiration to students.

Essential Functions

The Fellow will offer student and community workshops and public programs as a requirement of the Fellowship. The Fellow is expected to interact extensively with MCLA students. Each Fellow will have an MCLA student as a studio assistant. The remainder of their time will be spent working in the studio as a resident artist. The Fellow will present their work in two public lectures (one at the beginning and one at the end of the residency), and there will be opportunities for exhibition at the College gallery, Gallery 51. We also ask that one work be donated at the end of the residency. The Fellow will teach two to four courses over their nine months in residence. Courses to be taught will be determined by the BCRC Director and Chair of the FPA department in consultation with the Fellow.

Requirements:

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- The Fellow must be able to work independently and fulfill teaching duties without in-class assistance.
- The Fellow must demonstrate the ability to integrate content and issues relating to diverse populations.
- The Fellow must be able to work effectively with diverse populations.

Required Qualifications

- BFA
- Prior teaching experience.

Preferred Qualifications

- MFA
- Prior teaching experience at the college level.

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that they operate, which extends to admission and employment at MCLA. MCLA is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX") to not discriminate in such a manner. Inquiries about the application of Title IX may be directed to each respective MCLA's Title IX Coordinator, to the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, or both.

The next application deadline will be announced in Spring of 2022