

Artward Bound – Summer 2021

Artward Bound Mentor

Leadership experience complements the academic curriculum at MassArt and empowers students to become more confident, engaged artists, designers and citizens. Students have the opportunity to apply for various paid positions to be held during their sophomore through senior years.

Student Leadership at MassArt is rooted in MassArt's Mission and Values and is essential to transforming MassArt's culture and community. All student leaders will be expected to uphold MassArt's missions and values as we work together to make MassArt a more equitable place to work, learn, live and make.

OVERVIEW:

Artward Bound is a four-year college access program in the visual arts, designed for underrepresented, potential first generation students who live and go to school in Boston. Artward Bound helps prepare 9th - 12th grade students interested in the visual arts with the artistic and academic skills needed for admission to and success at an art/design college or other post-secondary institution.

Position Description:

Mentors are a mainstay of the Artward Bound program. The Mentor will support classroom instruction in both academics and art and general program activities focused on student engagement and support. As the programmatic focus is a balance between Art, Academics, and Life Skills, the Mentors role in holistically supporting students success and growth is foundational to the program. Mentors may also help students with homework completion, assistance in time management, organizational, and study skills. The Mentor should be proactive and ready to provide support for students on an individual basis when need arises in art, academics or life skills needs become apparent. Student learning goals should address critical thinking, communication, perseverance and collaboration. The mentor is also expected to work with their instructor prior to each day's instruction to plan for the day and meet student needs. The mentor will need to familiarize themselves with Google Classroom, Zoom, Discord and other related resources to support the Artward Bound online summer program in response to Covid 19.

Responsibilities:

- Assist academic and art classroom teachers with delivery of online curriculum content
- Support students on campus in hybrid classes
- Provide individual student support as needed
- Take attendance, contact students and remind them of important dates/deadlines
- Provide positive social and emotional support and mentoring to students
- Assist with organizing, preparing, documenting and preparing for the final exhibition/reviews
- Participate in Staff Meetings and other professional development opportunities
- Support general program activities as needed

Qualifications:

- Must be in good academic and disciplinary standing
- Must have patience and a strong desire to help students achieve their goals
- Proficiency with Google Classroom, Zoom, Discord and other related online software
- Responsible, dependable, honest and mature
- Friendly, patient and sensitive to a diversity of students

TERM/SCHEDULE:

Staff Orientation: Late June, date TBD

Program Start date: July 7th

Program End date: August 18th

Monday through Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm

-Times may be flexible due to field trips, special use of MassArt facilities, events, etc

-Artward Bound generally takes place on the MassArt campus, but will be all or mostly online during the Summer 2021 term