

Incubator Productions Job Description

Job Title: Resident Teaching Cartoonist

Job Type: Short Term Contract

Contract Period: July 14th 2024 - August 1st 2024

Time Commitment: 4 hours/day, 6 days total. Weekdays only.

Gross Pay: \$1000

Reports to: Executive Director of Incubator Productions + CLP liaison

About Incubator Productions:

Incubator Productions is where Cartooning meets Community. We provide educational, publishing, and creative services for a diversity of partners both in Pittsburgh and across the country. Our mission is to create a cultural space in Pittsburgh where You Can Toon! With Incubator, you can learn the foundations of making cartoons and comic books, hire professional cartoonists for creative & publishing consulting services, and craft your cartoon series from idea to launch. 2024 marks the official relaunch of the company in an educational partnership with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. You can learn more about us at www.incubatorproductions.com.

Position Summary:

We are excited to hire our first Resident Teaching Cartoonist!

In your role, you will facilitate two *Summer Teen Intensive Workshops* at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) Woods Run and Hill District locations themed around Collaborative Comic Book Production. Using Incubator's *Pitch Package Playbook*, you will play the role of publisher, guiding 2-3 teen-led production studios through the essential steps of creating a new comic book series from ideation to final pitch over the course of three days. You will introduce to them the basic steps of comic book production, and provide occasional guidance on how to use professional level cartooning tools and visual storytelling techniques. 2023 marked the pilot of this curriculum, and the results were amazing!

You will have the opportunity to mentor a cohort of young artists in Pittsburgh and encourage them to complete their projects for submission to *Ink This! Teen* magazine, a debut comic book anthology to be circulated at each of CLP's 18 Teenspaces.

You will work closely with the Teen Librarian at CLP Woods Run and CLP Hill District to organize the materials into studio kits for the workshop, prepare the learning environment, and provide students with instruction based on the curriculum inside the *Pitch Package Playbook*.

This job has the opportunity to expand into additional well-paid teaching opportunities and/or collaborations with Incubator Productions. Advance training will be given on how to effectively use the playbook for instruction prior to the workshop.

Job Functions:

As a Resident Teaching Cartoonist, you'll get to

- Use your unique visual storytelling abilities to guide the development of a young team of comic creators.
- Teach a group of 6-10 teens how to collaborate and deliver an effective demo product on rapid turnaround.
- Facilitate teens' abilities to analyze professionally produced materials to improve their organization and technical skills.
- Inspire teens through sharing your own journey as a visual storyteller.
- Encourage teens to follow-through with their concepts and submit their works for publication in *Ink This! Teen* magazine!

Requisite Skills and Experience:

- ☐ 1+ years experience teaching Middle School and/or High School Students in a classroom setting.
- ☐ An artistic portfolio that demonstrates experience in visual storytelling.
- ☐ 1+ years experience in publishing cartoons or comics as either an artist, writer, or editor and the publication credits to back it!
- ☐ A holistic familiarity with the comic book production process.

Preferred Additional Experience

- ☐ Previous experience exhibiting at comic-conventions so that you have some stories and experiences to share with the teens!
- ☐ Previous experience working with a team for creative production
- ☐ Previous experience coaching youth teams (Sports, Performing Arts, Quiz Bowl, etc.)
- ☐ Multilingual experience or ESL instruction

Additional Requirements:

- Federal Criminal Background Check
- PA Child Abuse History Clearance
- The position will require transportation to CLP Woods Run and CLP Hill District

This Might be the Job for You if:

- You enjoy playing a role in the transformational growth of young artists.
- You are invested in improving the creative cultural landscape in Pittsburgh.
- You love drawing cartoons and making comics!
- You have an ability to bring out the best in each individual, finding a way to create roles where a diversity of young people need to lean on each other for the creation of something that they can't make on their own.
- You are well organized and can scaffold learning so that each previous lesson facilitates the accomplishment of the next challenge.
- You have a penchant for entrepreneurship and can encourage teens to expand their creative comfort zones.
- You have a penchant for teaching, and can find the way to engage any kind of learner.
- You have an interesting comic book or cartoon series in development and are looking for a publisher.
- You are young in your career and looking for a platform to make an impact as a cartoonist in Pittsburgh!
- You are interested in future collaborations with Incubator Productions.

To Apply:

Send a Resume, Cover Letter, and samples of previously published work to Isaac Fisher at incubatorcomics@gmail.com. Please title your email **Resident Teaching Artist Application**. Applications must be submitted prior to **3/14/2024** to be considered for review.