

Info Sheet | SMUSH Gallery's Summer 2025 Arts Residency Program

OVERVIEW

SMUSH Gallery is hosting Summer 2025 Arts Residencies! This program offers artists the chance to enjoy the "gallery as studio," with space for studio work, rehearsal, performance, and/or exhibition. Residencies come with light promotional support and are appropriate for artists of nearly all disciplines.

Artists of color, LGBTQ+ artists, artists with disabilities, and artists living along and at the intersections of other lines of oppression are especially encouraged to apply. This program is run in line with our [Mission, Vision, and Equity Commitments](#).

ABOUT SMUSH GALLERY

SMUSH Gallery is an art space dedicated to creative and community work. We produce a range of events and exhibitions in the disciplines of visual art, installation, dance, literary arts, theater, music, and more. We also host rehearsals, community events, and performance rentals. Visit smushgallery.com and instagram.com/smushgallery to see more.

ABOUT THE SPACE

SMUSH Gallery is a storefront, street level gallery space in the Journal Square neighborhood of Jersey City. The main space is 12' wide by 28' long with 12' ceilings, a bathroom and small storage space in the back, and a large bay window facing the street in front. We are located at 340 Summit Ave, Jersey City, NJ, a ten minute walk from the Journal Square PATH station. Street parking and pay lots are available near the gallery. Artists will independently access the space during their residency; if lifting a security gate or walking up a single step pose an access issue, please let us know in your application.

SMUSH Gallery offers a stereo system (aux/lightning adapter), ceiling-mounted projector and screens, adjustable overhead track lighting, wifi, wood floor, natural light, central air, curtains for street-facing windows, ~23 chairs, folding tables, small platform, and an ADA accessible restroom. Please note that storage space is limited and that we do not offer theatrical lighting. SMUSH staff will provide simple technical guidance during the orientation. No housing is provided with this program.

DATES

Residencies run Monday to Sunday and are available the weeks of:

July 7, July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4, August 11, and August 18.

Artists may apply for one or two weeks of residency time. Requests for longer residencies will be considered case by case.

Applications are accepted from March 1 - April 5, 2025. Notification is anticipated by May 1, 2025.

Artists will complete an orientation at the start of their residency period and will adhere to all rental rules, conditions, and procedures throughout their residency. Check in is at noon on Monday; check out is Sunday by 10pm.

PROJECTS & PERFORMANCES

SMUSH Gallery's Summer 2025 Arts Residency Program is designed to support the vision of participating artists. To that end, residencies may be used for rehearsal/development, ideation, performance, and/or exhibition. No hazardous materials, toxic chemicals, or glitter are permitted. Sound restrictions apply.

Artists will manage their own events and keep all proceeds.

Please note that all public events must be approved by SMUSH Gallery as part of the application process. We regret that public events may not be added later.

MARKETING

SMUSH Gallery offers light publicity support to residency artists: a social media highlight, an email blast highlight, a listing and link on the SMUSH website, and inclusion in a flyer on site. SMUSH will produce publicity materials for the residency program as a whole.

Artists may produce additional marketing material if they wish, provided they include 1) the SMUSH Gallery logo, 2) the Jersey City Arts & Culture Trust Fund Logo, and 3) the following credit line: *This project is presented as part of SMUSH Gallery's Summer 2025 Arts Residency Program, with public support from the Jersey City Arts and Culture Trust Fund.* SMUSH Gallery's location should be listed as: SMUSH Gallery, 340 Summit Avenue, Jersey City, NJ. SMUSH Gallery should be tagged in social media posts @smushgallery.

For projects developed in residence, future performances/exhibitions must be credited with the following: *Developed with support from SMUSH Gallery's Summer 2025 Arts Residency Program.*

COST

The cost for the Summer 2025 Arts Residency Program is on a sliding scale from \$200-600 per week. An additional \$200 security deposit is also required. The security deposit will be returned following the residency, assuming no damages are incurred. All payment is due with the residency agreement and can be made by cash, check, credit card, or Venmo.

Guidance on Using the Sliding Scale

\$200 - For those who may stress about meeting basic needs and have limited expendable income. This rate is offered in solidarity with low income/low asset artists and is bridged by the \$600 rate.

\$400 - For those who are regularly able to meet their basic needs and have some expendable income.

\$600 - For those who are comfortably meeting their basic needs on a regular basis and who enjoy a substantial expendable income. This cost bridges the \$200 rate.

Please be mindful that selecting a rate at the lowest end of the scale when you can truthfully afford the higher end limits access for those who truly need the gift of financial flexibility. These rates are adapted from [AORTA](#) and [Essence of Embodiment Festival's](#) sliding scale pages; Essence of Embodiment adapted from [The Green Bottle Sliding Scale by Califa Collective](#).

MISCELLANEOUS + QUESTIONS

In the interest of artistic freedom and managing program costs, SMUSH does not keep personnel on-site during residencies. A SMUSH representative will provide an orientation to the space and will be available by phone throughout each residency period.

Help completing the application is available on request. Please email hello@smushgallery.com to make an appointment or ask any other questions. We look forward to receiving your application!