

Taller Sanaa (Jessica Sabogal and Shanna Strauss)
Studio Assistant Job Description

Taller Sanaa is currently searching for a studio assistant to join our team across various creative disciplines, encompassing printmaking, muralism, photography, woodworking, and painting.

Taller Sanaa, (TA - YER SAN- AR), composed of Jessica Sabogal, a Colombian - American muralistx, and Shanna Strauss, a Tanzanian - American mixed media artist, are a queer, artist duo based in Oakland, CA. Their collaborative discipline is committed to uplifting the sacredness of women, people of color, the disabled, queer and trans folks, immigrants and the undocumented, and indigenous peoples, whom history perpetually renders as less than human. Together they have produced a new visual language through printmaking and public art that questions and disrupts our current social and political conditions. Each piece they create is a celebration of our differences and a symbol of our liberation.

SKILLS DESIRED:

If you have any of these skills, please get in touch. (We're not expecting any one person to have all these skills.)

- **Printmaking:** Familiarity with different mediums including screen printing, etching, lithography, photopolymer gravure, chine collé, knowledge of paper, etc
- **Muralism:** This skill is project-based, but we welcome experience in working on both interior and exterior murals, familiarity with spray paint, comfort with x-acto knives, and adherence to safety precautions. What's most crucial is a genuine eagerness to learn and a dedicated attitude towards mastering the craft. While many of these skills can be taught, a fundamental respect for the medium is indispensable.
- **Photography:** We seek someone who can photograph and edit our finished works using Photoshop, provide hands-on assistance during photoshoots and interviews with collaborators, has experience in scanning and retouching old photos, and strong organizational skills in file management.
- **Woodworking:** comfortable and confident around woodworking tools and equipment. Able to use the chop saw and table saw. Able to plane and join wood. Available to assist with sanding and major glue ups.
- **Painting:** Able to assist in photo-transfer rubbing, weeding vinyl, cutting stencils for large paintings.
- **General shop duties:** Mailing prints and artwork, assembling large artworks, organizing studio, purchasing supplies.

QUALITIES DESIRED:

We work best with people who are tidy, organized, punctual, communicative, responsible, and comfortable taking direction; who have a strong attention to detail, emotional self-regulation skills, and good boundaries.

As artists we are committed to supporting BIPOC, womxn, and LGBTQ+ artists based in the SF Bay Area. All candidates will be considered.

Must have a valid driver's license and access to your own car.

LOCATION:

Our day to day operations happen from our studio in east Oakland, or at Kala Art Institute. On occasion we will have jobs offsite locally, nationally and internationally. COVID precautions will be exercised for IRL work. Remote work is also possible depending on the task/project.

HOURLY RATE:

\$20/hour (negotiable based on experience. Read: a lot of experience.) We are ideally looking for someone that can commit 6 hours a week on the same day each week. Depending on your experience, we can also reach out for an on-call, project based task.

TO APPLY:

Please submit a resume to tallersanaar@gmail.com

Please include via email:

- two references (list the names, emails, phone numbers and relationships to you—no need to submit letters of recommendation).
- any special art-related skills, skill levels and what you're looking to learn
- a note about your availability (weekly and through the end of the year)

QUESTIONS:

Email Jess and Shanna at tallersanaar@gmail.com

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