



Call for Artists – EMERGE
Emerging BIPOC Artist Residency & Mentorship Project
Presented by the Federation of Canadian Artists

ABOUT EMERGE

The Federation of Canadian Artists (FCA) is proud to announce the launch of **EMERGE**, a new initiative dedicated to cultivating an inclusive and supportive space for self-identifying emerging BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour) artists.

In an increasingly challenging cultural landscape—where financial pressures and systemic barriers limit opportunities for underrepresented voices—**EMERGE** aims to foster meaningful connections, amplify evolving cultural narratives, and provide platforms for diverse artistic expression.

Aligned with the FCA's mission to advance the appreciation and understanding of visual art in Canada, this residency and mentorship project will provide access to resources, one-on-one guidance, and professional development opportunities. Through cross-cultural dialogue and community engagement, EMERGE supports the growth of artistic voices that shape our collective future.

This 9-week residency is designed to support two emerging BIPOC artists by offering dedicated studio access, mentorship, and public exhibition opportunities. Participants will receive:

- 24-hour access to a shared studio at Federation Studios
- 4 hours of personalized one-on-one mentorship
- Access to 5 Federation Academy online workshops
- Complimentary FCA Supporting Membership through December 2026
- Inclusion in the **EMERGE Exhibition** at Federation Gallery in September 2025

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be a self-identifying BIPOC emerging artist
- Be between the ages of 18–30
- Reside in the Greater Vancouver Regional District
- Be available to commit to the full 9-week program (July 7 – September 8, 2025)
- Be a high school graduate, post-secondary student, or early-career arts professional
- Demonstrate a passion for the local arts community and a willingness to learn, listen, and work collaboratively

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- One-on-one mentorship and professional development with established artists
- Studio time to develop new work in a supportive environment
- Access to arts industry networks and local/international artist connections
- A culminating exhibition at the Federation Gallery
- Recognition on FCA platforms and program materials

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Location: Federation Classroom, 1310 Johnston Street, Vancouver, BC, V6H 3S1
- Duration: 9 weeks (July 7 – September 8, 2025)

HOW TO APPLY

Application Deadline: June 22, 2025 at 11:59 PM (PDT)

Please submit all required materials as a **single PDF file** via email to: operations@artists.ca

Use the subject line: “EMERGE Application”

Your application must include:

1. Letter of Intent (max 1000 words)
 - Introduce yourself and your artistic background
 - Explain your interest in contemporary art and cultural engagement
 - Outline your goals for participating in the program and how it will benefit your artistic career
2. Curriculum Vitae (CV) (max 3 pages)
 - Include education, employment, exhibitions, projects, and publications
3. Contact Information
 - Full name, mailing address, email, and phone number
4. Support Material
 - Portfolio links (no attachments please) or
 - Website, social media, or any online material showcasing your artistic work

For questions about the program or application process, please don't hesitate to contact us at operations@artists.ca or 604 681 8534.

We look forward to learning more about you and your creative journey!