

ÉCART

SUMMER JOB OPENING — TEMPORARY POSITION — INTERNSHIP IN VISUAL ARTS

JOB DETAILS

Number of weeks: 8

Hours per week: 30 hours

Salary: \$20/hour

Start date: May 12, 2026

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Founded in 1992, L'Écart is an artist-run centre for contemporary art and a venue for research and creation, as well as an artist residency program that hosts exhibitions and performances located in Abitibi-Témiscamingue. It owns a 20,000-square-foot building (2010) and operates as a social enterprise, offering artists a range of services: production spaces, specialized equipment, housing, and a documentation centre. Since 2002, L'Écart produces the Rouyn-Noranda's Biennial of performing arts, an international event dedicated to performance art and interdisciplinary work.

Supporting professional artists at every stage of their careers, L'Écart promotes the development of emerging artists and facilitates exchanges between local artists and the national arts community. In accordance with its vision and values, the centre aims to promote a plurality of perspectives and experiences.

JOB DESCRIPTION

L'Écart is seeking a candidate for an eight-week paid internship as a visual artist in a professional workplace. This position aims to allow candidates with a background in visual arts to familiarize themselves with the artist profession, as well as to gain work experience that anchors them in a professional environment where they can develop their skills through both personal and collaborative projects. Divided into two components, the first weeks of the internship will be devoted to **component 1 — Community Involvement** and the final weeks to **component 2 — Exhibition project**.

Component 1 — Community Involvement

L'Écart owns a 20,000-square-foot building which includes three exhibition spaces, seven artist studios, a temporary shared studio, two apartment-residencies for artists, a laundry room, and seven rental units. These spaces are made possible by the involvement of its staff and members in the upkeep and maintenance of the building. Under the supervision of management, the intern will be responsible for the following tasks:

- Perform various maintenance tasks at an artists' centre (painting, cleaning, minor repairs, optimizing common areas)
- Assist colleagues with setting up and taking down exhibitions

- Be present and assist in ensuring the smooth running of events and exhibition openings outside of the gallery's regular hours

Component 2 — Exhibiton project

Throughout the internship, the individual will have access to a room at L'Écart to use as a creative space. The intern will be tasked with developing an exhibition project to be presented at the end of the internship in one of L'Écart's galleries. Under the supervision of management, the individual will be responsible for the following tasks:

- Designing and preparing an exhibition project to present to the permanent staff
- Producing original works
- Organizing an exhibition at the end of the internship with the permanent staff
- Write a short text about their artistic approach and exhibition project to be shared on social media and displayed in the gallery
- Design the exhibition lighting
- Greet the public and present their exhibition in the gallery
- Restore the premises to their original condition at the end of the exhibition and the internship

REQUIREMENTS

- Being a student or a graduate in visual arts, art history, creative arts and new media, or a related program, or be an emerging artist with a combination of equivalent education and/or experience.
- Manual abilities
- Independence and organizational skills
- Versatility and dynamism
- Attention to detail
- The candidate must be between 15 and 30 years of age at the time of starting the position.

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE

- A motivation letter
- A curriculum vitae
- A portfolio consisting of 10 JPEG images accompanied by a descriptive list. Each image must not exceed 1 MB.

Applications must be submitted by email to info@lecart.org as a single PDF file no later than April 25, 2026, at 11:59 PM. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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