



## **TEACHING ARTIST SEARCH**

### **ABOUT ARTSCOPE**

Artscope's mission is to provide a safe and educational environment for children to explore the Arts and to strengthen ties within the Saint Louis community.

Artscope was founded in 2002 as a welcoming place to encourage creative ideas and abilities in a safe and open educational environment. Artscope's cottage is located in historic Tower Grove Park and hosts arts education programs in the park like workshops, camps and on-site parties. Artscope provides interactive arts education at many community sites across Saint Louis, including schools, libraries, and event spaces.

- We provide immersive, artist-led experiences, as our staff is entirely made up of local artists!
- Students explore community, arts, environment and facilitation during their Artscope experiences.
- We lead by example and model behavior that builds community.
- We are here to support the success, enrichment, and joy of each child.
- We are discovery led, and encourage students to identify and reflect on their interactions with the world around them through the lens of lifelong artistry.
- We strive to build a stronger community and to approach each day, and each person with genuine empathy and connection.
- We strive to utilize education as a collaborative art form, and are so excited for our cohort to learn, create, and discover alongside our students!

### **POSITION**

Artscope is searching for a qualified artist with a passion for teaching the visual arts to young people. Reporting to the Artscope Community Manager, teaching artists will have responsibility for facilitating high quality visual art learning experiences for young artists while practicing Artscope's core values of Creativity, Diversity, Ecology, Cooperation and Play.

This position will include art education lesson planning and instruction for grades pre-K-8th grade. Teaching Artists will be assigned the following classes, with an expectation of 15 hours per week of instruction time, and 5 hours per week of preparation and planning time per week. Preparation time

and lesson planning will be spent in collaboration with the Artscope Community Manager. The ultimate goal of this position is to fulfill Artscope mission-related activities, and this role may be assigned to various tasks, events, and programming duties under this scope. This Teaching Artist will be required to travel to off-site locations.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Effectively lead an art experience in a classroom, event or workshop
2. Follow classroom standard procedures, as detailed by Artscope
3. Help maintain a clean, safe and welcoming classroom space for students and staff
4. Create interactive, creative lesson plans and curriculum that reinforces Artscope's core values
5. Develop, submit, and present art-based lesson plans appropriate and relevant to students
6. Submit grades through prescribed interface
7. Independently lead arts education in a classroom setting for grades preK-8th
8. Travel to worksites
9. Uphold the Artscope mission
10. Maintain shared stewardship of Artscope common spaces
11. Work collaboratively with other Artscope staff and Teaching Artists on program planning
12. Maintenance and ordering for art room backstock

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

1. Demonstrated experience with children, knowledge of age appropriate social and emotional learning principles.
2. Must have a reliable method of transportation.
3. Must pass a background check.
4. Ability to effectively manage a visual arts classroom that supports the success of each child in art-making and other creative activities.
5. Ability to effectively communicate with the public, including parents and adult family members of program participants and staff of partnering organizations.
6. Effectively represents Artscope's mission and core values in the community.
7. Punctuality and timely response to written and oral communication with Artscope staff.
8. Knowledge of curriculum and lesson plan development for visual arts education is a plus.

### **COMPENSATION**

The Teaching Artist will be compensated at a base rate of \$21-\$24/hour depending on experience. Teaching Artists are required to be on site on all days they are teaching, and to be available for written, verbal, and virtual communication with Artscope staff.

Does this sound like an incredible fit? Send a cover letter, resume and at least two references to [info@artscopestl.org](mailto:info@artscopestl.org)