

Monson Arts Design Residencies Summer/Fall 2024

WEBSITE: <https://monsonarts.org/residencies/overview/>

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Application Deadline: Friday, March 29, 2024, 11:59pm ET

Application opens: February

Awards are announced: April

Residency takes place: Between August and December 2024 – two or four weeks

DESCRIPTION

Monson Arts is an arts center in Monson, Maine. Programs include residencies for artists and writers, intensive shorter workshops, and educational partnerships with area secondary schools.

Monson Arts is partnering with RISD to offer two, design focused residencies for graduating RISD students or alumni: one two-week residency and one four-week residency. Specific dates for 2024 available to choose from are: 8/26 - 9/5 (two weeks), 9/9 – 10/3 (four weeks), 10/14 – 11/7 (four weeks), 11/11 - 12/5 (four weeks). Design residents will focus on developing prototypes and designs, and experimenting with materials. Design residents work alongside artists and writers also in residence.

RISD residents will receive room and board, a private studio, access to Monson Arts' wood and metal working shops, and a \$500 stipend if two weeks/\$1,000 if four weeks. Monson Arts has a studio technician for some technical support. Residents are responsible for travel to/from Maine and the cost of their own materials.

Monson is located at the edge of Maine's North Woods, a 3.5 million acres of forest bordering Canada. It is the last town on the Appalachian Trail before the beginning of the 100-Mile Wilderness that leads to Mount Katahdin. Since it was founded in 1822, the community has had an economy based on natural resources. In the late 19th through the early 20th centuries, slate quarries supported a thriving industry. Moosehead Manufacturing produced wood furniture from the 1945 until its closure in 2007. The region also has a rich arts tradition: Henry David Thoreau wrote about the area in *The Maine Woods*, photographer Berenice Abbott lived in Monson and nearby Blanchard, and traditional makers are well established in the area including the North Woods Canoe Company, Atkinson.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants -- undergraduates and graduates – must be graduating June 2024 and therefore alumni during the residency. It is also available to all alumni.
- Applicants can be of any major who have a focus on working in design and making (furniture design, industrial design, architecture, or related.)
- Applicants of any citizenship are eligible.
- Collaborative teams of two makers may apply but must apply using one application to represent the entire team. Each team member will receive a \$500 stipend if two weeks/\$1,000 if four weeks.
- Applicants should have a working knowledge of English.

APPLICATION PROCESS & COMPONENTS

- Apply online directly to Monson Arts by their deadline. The link to the application is found on the RISD Careers Managed Grant page.
- In your application to Monson Arts, note your RISD education.
- If you are selected by Monson Arts, Monson Arts will notify the RISD Career Center.

CONTACT

For Questions about Monson Arts and the Application:

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