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## **Mural Arts Philadelphia Announces 2022 Philadelphia Fellowship for Black Artists with Call for Artist Application Submissions**

***Fifteen Black Artists of All Mediums to Be Accepted; Applications open on  
February 7, 2022 and close February 28, 2022***

**February 1, 2022 – (Philadelphia)** – [Mural Arts Philadelphia](https://www.muralarts.org) today announced the return of its Philadelphia Fellowship for Black Artists. Exclusively sponsored by [TD Bank](https://www.td.com), America's Most Convenient Bank®, the Fellowship - now in its third year - is designed to fund, foster, and elevate the important work of Black artists of all mediums residing within Philadelphia. Through a seven-month cohort, Mural Arts will guide artists striving towards success through a robust public art curriculum while creating opportunities for collaboration with community members and other artists working on active Mural Arts projects. The application submission period will open online at [MuralArts.org](https://www.MuralArts.org) on February 7, 2022, at 9 am, and will close at 9 am on February 28, 2022.

For the 2022 Fellowship, 15 artists showing interest in socially engaged public art will be selected. On Friday, March 25, 2022, selected artists will be notified and will begin orientation on April 18, 2022. The selected artists will be provided \$2,000 each in unrestricted funding. TD Bank exclusively funded the 2022 Philadelphia Fellowship for Black Artists for the second year in a row.

"We're proud that Philadelphia is known internationally as 'Mural Capital of the World,' and that these murals reflect our diverse city filled with many different identities and cultures," said Jane Golden, executive director of Mural Arts. "With TD Bank's funding and support for the Mural Arts Philadelphia Fellowship for Black Artists, we're able to create a pipeline for emerging Black artists as well as opportunities to connect with local artists and residents and exposure for these artists in public art."

"We are thrilled to work with Mural Arts Philadelphia on this important program that will help break down barriers to the arts for diverse, underrepresented, and emerging/mid-career artists. By helping to foster creativity and collaboration, this program will help create opportunities for artists and art that helps people feel more



connected to their communities," said Dominique Goss, Senior Manager of Strategy & Social Impact, Office of Charitable and Community Giving at TD Bank.

Launched in 2020, the Philadelphia Fellowship for Black Artists works to:

- create a sustainable pipeline for emerging artists of color
- facilitate professional development skills that could impact future success
- establish equitable exposure to real public art projects in Philadelphia
- and strengthen connections between Fellows and the community.

During the Fellowship, artists complete an orientation followed by a comprehensive community-centered mural-making curriculum in collaboration with the Mural Arts Institute. Mural Arts Institute is the knowledge-sharing and capacity-building program of Mural Arts that provides support to other creative change agents in using community murals as a means to create more just and equitable communities across the globe. The Institute will offer its Artist Catalyst Incubator to Fellows for full immersion into community mural-making from ideation to completion. The program will include insight into project planning, community engagement and hands-on mural-making techniques from design to production and installation. Fellows will also have a unique opportunity to collaborate with community members to create new work in public spaces. Fellows will also connect with select artists and curators including Ginger Rudolph, Noah Smalls of Rush Arts Philadelphia, and Conrad Benner of Streets Dept. This year, Fellows will be grouped in three teams to respond to community-submitted public art requests to Mural Arts. Fellows will receive an additional project-specific stipend for this work and project management support from Mural Arts staff.

In addition to the Fellowship, Mural Arts will amplify the Fellows and their work across its social channels and connect Fellows to its network of local and international artists. Fellows also will receive Financial Planning sessions courtesy of TD Bank, 1:1 portfolio consulting from local curators, create proposals for public art projects, and learn about Mural Art's community-engaged art process from ideation to installation.

To learn more about the 2022 Philadelphia Fellowship for Black Artists by Mural Arts Philadelphia, please visit:

[muralarts.org/for-artists/philadelphia-fellowship-for-black-artists](https://muralarts.org/for-artists/philadelphia-fellowship-for-black-artists). The Fellowship is open to African American or Black artists residing in Philadelphia. Selected applicants will show an interest in socially engaged art and working collaboratively. **Applications will open February 7, 2022, at 9 a.m. and are due by 9 a.m. on February 28, 2022.** The application includes portfolio images, personality profiles, artist profiles, and public art interest/experience. Please send any questions to: [FBA3@muralarts.org](mailto:FBA3@muralarts.org)



**About Mural Arts Philadelphia:**

Mural Arts Philadelphia is the nation’s largest public art program, dedicated to the belief that art ignites change. For more than 35 years, Mural Arts has united artists and communities through a collaborative and equitable process, creating over 4,000 artworks that have transformed public spaces and individual lives. Mural Arts aims to empower people, stimulate dialogue, and build bridges to understanding with projects that attract artists from Philadelphia and around the world and programs that focus on youth education, restorative justice, mental health and wellness, and public art and its preservation. Popular mural tours offer a firsthand glimpse into the inspiring stories behind Mural Arts’ iconic and unparalleled collection, which has earned Philadelphia worldwide recognition as the “City of Murals.” For more information, call 215-685-0750 or visit [muralarts.org](http://muralarts.org). Follow along on social media: @muralarts on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), @MuralArtsPhiladelphia on Facebook, and [phillymuralarts](#) on YouTube.

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