

## Call for Applications: *Students on Ice Indigenous Artist Residency (SOI-IAR)*

**Overview:** Canadian visual and performing artists of Inuit, Métis or First Nations descent are invited to apply to take part in the **Students on Ice** (SOI) Indigenous Artist Residency (IAR), which will take place during SOI's 2017 Arctic Expedition this summer from August 8th to August 22nd, 2017. This year's program is offering one (1) Residency, for a visual or performing artist to engage in the full expedition and utilize the Residency to pursue his or her own arts practice.

**About Students on Ice:** The Arctic and the Antarctic are the greatest classrooms on Earth. The Students on Ice Foundation (SOIF) offers award winning educational expeditions that provide youth with unique personal experiences and help them develop a passion for lifelong learning. SOIF educates youth in natural and social sciences, sustainable economic development, environmental stewardship, cultural diversity and general knowledge about the Polar Regions. Our goal is to foster in youth a new understanding and respect for the planet and its Peoples, and to empower and inspire them to become the next generation of leaders in their communities and countries. A leader in experiential education, SOIF has taken over 2,700 high school and university students, scientists, elders, experts, artists and educators from 52 different countries, to the Polar Regions. Since its inception in 2000, SOIF has developed strong ties to Canada's North and its communities. Annually about 40% of participants are Indigenous youth and over 400 Indigenous participants have joined SOI over the past 16 years. SOIF's expedition staff annually includes 15 to 20 Indigenous educators, including elders, counselors, cultural ambassadors and wildlife experts.

The SOI-IAR program is conducted in consultation with the Aboriginal Curatorial Collective / Collectif des commissaires autochtones (ACC/CCA) [www.acc-cca.com](http://www.acc-cca.com).

### What does SOI-IAR offer?

This Indigenous Arts Residency program offers the selected artist with the opportunity to fully participate in the 2017 SOI Arctic Expedition, taking part in the full shipboard education program, and engaging in all site landings and community visits. During the Residency the recipient will have the opportunity to liaise with all participants and staff, including other artists, educators, scientists, elders, political leaders, business leaders, journalists, etc. The selected artist will be able to use this educational expedition to gain new inspiration, to create original art and to explore new avenues for art creation on their own terms.

Following the expedition, ACC-CCA and SOIF will collaborate in generating dissemination channels for art works created during, and inspired by, the Residency. This will enhance the profile of the receiving artist, and stimulate discussion and reflection within a broader Canadian and international audience.

The recipient of the Residency will receive a stipend of \$2,750 to cover their time and involvement in the program. It is the responsibility of the selected artist to arrange their transportation to and from Ottawa for the expedition. However, SOI will work with them to support their efforts in securing any additional travel funding they might require.

### What does SOI-IAR require?

The recipient of the **SOI-IAR** will join SOI's Arctic expedition as a member of the expedition team. Acting as an educator, the selected artist will share their art form, inspiration, philosophy and culture with other team members and students through self-directed workshops, demonstrating techniques or concepts relating to their own practice, sharing and acting as a role model. The recipient will be expected to engage in three to six self-directed workshops over the course of the 16-day expedition and to engage in and contribute to group presentations and reflections. Informal interactions, sharing and mentoring with participants and other staff will be casual yet continuous during the expedition.

The receiving artist will be asked to share their expectations, experiences and showcase their works in blog posts. The blogs will be posted on the SOI website and shared with the ACC-CCA before, during and after the Residency.

### Who should apply?

To apply for the **SOI-IAR**, Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Identify as a Canadian, Indigenous Artist (Inuit, Métis or First Nations) with a proven track record working as a professional artist in their chosen discipline.
- Have experience with and enthusiasm for working with youth aged 14-24.
- Be comfortable facilitating cross-cultural workshops with groups of 5-20 participants coming from a range of diverse backgrounds.
- Be able to engage in public speaking when necessary.
- Ability to conduct self-directed actions engaging in artistic creation as well as sharing knowledge about their individual identity, culture, heritage and history.
- Be inspired by the opportunity to collaborate with Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists from diverse artistic disciplines and backgrounds.
- Be available to join the SOI Arctic Expedition from August 8th until August 22nd<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- Be in the possession of a valid Canadian Passport that does not expire before February 7th 2017.
- Have an up to date vulnerable sectors record check. (<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/faqs-about-vulnerable-sector-checks>)

### Application process and deadline

Artists will be selected through a joint review committee of professional Indigenous artists administered by the SOI and the ACC-CCA. All notifications of the status of applicants will be sent out immediately following this review process. Applications should consist of:

- a letter of motivation (max. 2-pages)
- a CV/Resume (max. 3 pages)
- a video (.mov, mp4, etc.) showcasing previous project and/or 10 images of previous works. Due to file size restrictions, digital submission may only be made upon request.

The deadline for submission of applications is **July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. The Successful applicant will be informed no later than July 12th and should be prepared to engage the following month.

### Applications should be sent to:

SOI-IAR Review Committee  
Caitlyn Baikie  
Manager, Arctic Youth and Partnerships Program  
Students on Ice  
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Questions, concerns or inquires are welcomed and can be directed to [caitlyn@studentsonice.com](mailto:caitlyn@studentsonice.com)

### Program Partners

Students on Ice Foundation: <http://studentsonice.com>

Aboriginal Curatorial Collective/Collectif des commissaires autochtones: <http://www.acc-cca.com>



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