

SMUSH Studio Memberships

Info & FAQs

In an effort to make affordable work space even more accessible, we're initiating SMUSH Studio Memberships for the 2019-2020 season. Studio memberships are available to artists working in all disciplines, and they run on 3 cycles per year: September-November 2019, December 2019-March 2020, and April-June 2020. Membership benefits and requirements are below, along with a list of FAQs. Please email Katelyn at hello@smushgallery.com with additional questions or to request a membership. <3

Membership Benefits:

- 10hrs/month of studio time (a \$100 value for \$70/mo)
- Listing & link on gallery website
- Highlight on gallery social media
- Optional open studio with other members at the end of cycle
- Book additional studio hours at a 30% discount (\$7/hr)
- Book event, workshop, video/photo shoots at a 25% discount (ex. \$150 for 4hrs instead of \$200)

Membership Requirements:

- Open to artists living or making work in Jersey City and surrounding areas
- \$70/mo with a 3 month commitment
 - Full payment is required at the time of registration
 - All members must complete rental paperwork and provide a full refundable security deposit
- Complete orientation prior to your first booking

What do you mean by “studio time”?

Our studio memberships are meant to support your artmaking - use studio time for rehearsal, writing, research, development, team meetings, and creating! Artists of all disciplines are welcome.

Please note that your 10hrs/mo of studio time may not be used for teaching classes or workshops, holding photo/video shoots, or hosting events; studio members are able to book time for those activities separately at a 25% discount. Artists who choose not to comply may have their memberships terminated immediately and without refund.

How do I sign up for a membership?

Email Katelyn at hello@smushgallery.com. Tell us about your art practice and how you might use your studio time, and we'll get you your paperwork, set an appointment for your orientation, and make arrangements for you to pay your membership fee and security deposit.

When can I start my studio membership?

Studio memberships begin the first of September 2019, December 2019, and April 2020. Paperwork, membership fees, and security deposits are due by the start of each membership session. (Note: the second membership session, December 2019 - March 2020, is extended at no additional fee to balance limited availability around the holidays and in late February.)

How do I book studio time?

Email Katelyn at hello@smushgallery.com with your reservation requests. You will receive a confirmation email once your studio time is confirmed in the gallery calendar. We will make every effort to schedule you during your preferred time slots, and we encourage you to book as far in advance as your schedule allows.

What if I need to cancel my reservation?

Email Katelyn at hello@smushgallery.com to cancel. In keeping with our regular cancellation policy, there is no penalty for cancellations more than 7 days from your reservation. Cancellations made within 7 days of your reservation will count against your monthly hours.

What are the minimum and maximum number of hours I can reserve at a time?

There is a 2 hour minimum for studio reservations, and no maximum - you can book all 10 hours in one day if the gallery calendar allows.

Do my hours roll over from one membership period to the next?

Nope - so get in the studio and use those hours!

Why do I have to pay for my membership up front?

Our staff is extremely small, and batching our memberships allows us to remain efficient enough to offer a discounted membership program like this one. We understand that paying the total membership fee and security deposit up front may be prohibitive for some artists, and we hope that we will become more flexible as we grow.

I missed the deadline! Can I still get a membership?

Maybe! Email Katelyn at hello@smushgallery.com and we'll see what we can do.

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