

## **POSITION: Imagine Fund Mentor**

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Imagine Fund is a 10-week program designed to equip artists with essential resources to bring their creative visions to life. Participants receive mentorship from experienced artists, professional development support, and exposure to various art forms to expand their creative horizons. The program aims to cultivate impactful artists who contribute meaningfully to their communities, nurturing them into career-ready, successful professionals.

### **POSITION SUMMARY**

Imagine Fund mentors play a pivotal role in guiding emerging artists through their creative journeys. They provide personalized mentorship, offering insights into both artistic techniques and professional development. Mentors support participants in refining their projects, setting and achieving artistic goals, and navigating challenges. By sharing their industry knowledge, mentors help participants build confidence, develop impactful work, and gain the skills needed for sustained success in their artistic careers.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Meet with each assigned artist to understand their project goals, background, and specific needs.
- Help artists set realistic and achievable project goals.
- Provide feedback and constructive criticism to help artists refine their work.
- Suggest resources, techniques, and best practices to improve the quality of the artists' work.
- Provide encouragement and moral support, helping artists stay motivated and focused on their projects.
- Assist artists in critically evaluating their own work and progress.
- Keep detailed records of meetings, progress, and feedback provided to each artist.
- Submit regular reports to the program coordinator on the status and development of each mentee's project.
- Act as a positive role model and uphold the values and mission of the BLU Educational Foundation.
- Offer guidance on final presentations, exhibitions, or publications of completed projects.
- Attend and participate in launch day, at least 1 other in-person workshop, and the end of program showcase.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- MIN 5 years of experience and/or proven expertise in one of our targeted creative fields: Visual Art, Music, Performance Art, or Filmmaking.
- Prior experience working as a mentor, ideally with emerging artists, demonstrating a successful track record of guiding individuals through personal and professional development.
- Strong portfolio showcasing creative work and/or community projects
- Ability to provide constructive feedback and support
- Strong project management skills to help artists set achievable goals, manage timelines, and oversee the progression of multiple projects.
- Familiarity with industry resources, techniques, and best practices, along with the ability to recommend tools, workshops, or professional networks.

- Competency in maintaining detailed records of meetings and progress, and providing regular updates to the program coordinator.
- A deep alignment with BLU Educational Foundation's mission to foster impactful community artists, uphold program values, and serve as a positive role model.
- An enthusiastic presence that fosters positive, encouraging relationships with artists; able to connect with participants on a personal level and inspire trust and motivation.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

Experience: Must have demonstrated work experience, confidence and success in working with youth, young adults and communities of color.

Candidates must pass the TB test, criminal background check, have personal transportation available for job related travel, valid CA Driver's License and automobile insurance.

### **SALARY**

A stipend of \$500 will be provided to mentors after the end of the 10 week program.

### **WORK SCHEDULE**

- Mentors will schedule 3, 1-hour sessions with participants, to aid in the conception and construction of their project
- Mentors are required to attend and participate in launch day, at least 1 other in-person workshop, and the end of the program showcase, all of which will last from 3-5 hours each.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** This position will be available immediately. Application materials are now being accepted. Review of resumes will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The position may close when an adequate number of qualified applications are received. Qualified applicants will receive an email for an interview.

**How to Apply:** Interested and QUALIFIED candidates should email the following:

1. Current Resume

Please send resume to: [mjames@bluedfoundation.org](mailto:mjames@bluedfoundation.org)

**For information, please visit [www.bluedfoundation.org](http://www.bluedfoundation.org)**