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Caring Cultures

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Open to Jan 13, 2025

**5 pm Eastern Standard Time
(extended deadline)**

1. What is it?

Caring Cultures is a 12-week online program for young creatives who want to explore ways to make a difference through arts and culture. It brings together 8 young artists and other creatives to look at how their practices can help communities and lead to social change.

This program runs from March to June 2025. It is led by ArtsPond with funding from Canada Council for the Arts and Ontario Arts Council.

The program is open to young Indigenous, Racialized, d/Deaf, Disabled, and other creatives from rural and suburban areas in and around Toronto and Hamilton in Ontario.

Fellows will get \$3,000, join group discussions, receive one-on-one guidance from mentors, and work on a personal project about youth-led social change and care in arts and culture.

The deadline to apply is January 13, 2025, at 5 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST). The application form is available at artspond.com/caring-apply. For support, contact us at care@artspond.com. For answers to frequently asked questions, please visit artspond.com/caring-faq.

2. What will I do?

As a fellow, you will spend about 75 hours over 3 months working on this program. This will include working independently on a personal project, meeting one-on-one with your mentor, and joining group meetings with other fellows. Your project can be a journal, essay, blog, artwork, video, or another kind of format exploring how your creative work can help to solve issues like climate change, inequality, and more. Mentors will guide you as you explore how you can create positive change and share meaningful care in your communities.

3. Who can participate?

You can participate if you:

- Are 18 to 35 years of age, are legally able to work in Ontario, and live in or near Toronto or Hamilton.
- Are Indigenous, Racialized, d/Deaf, Disabled, or live in a suburban or rural community.
- Work in any field in arts and culture (or hope to in the near future).

4. How will you support my access and care needs?

We are committed to supporting all your access and care needs. Just let us know what you need.

If you are applying for this program, you can join an online information session or ask for one-on-one support in filling out the application form. If you do not want to submit a written application, you can ask us to interview you instead.

During the program, all meetings will take place in English. We will provide ASL, CART, and plain language summaries of each meeting. You can also create a care plan with us and request some financial compensation to cover the costs of personal access and care.

5. How do I apply?

The deadline to apply is January 13, 2025, at 5 pm Eastern Standard Time.

Apply online at artspond.com/caring-apply. For help in filling out your application, email the care team at care@artspond.com by January 6, 2025, at 5 pm Eastern Standard Time, if possible. A diverse committee will review applications and select fellows based on their ideas, potential, and vision for creative change and care.

6. How will my work be shared?

Your work will remain yours. ArtsPond will publish your work and give credit to you as the original creator. We invite you to share your work in the Creative Commons if you want. After the program ends, you will be able to publish your work anywhere else while giving credit to ArtsPond as the original host and publisher.