



Venice Arts ignites, expands, and transforms the lives of Los Angeles' low-income youth through photography and film education, and uses our participatory storytelling practice to amplify the voices of underrepresented communities around the world.

Media Arts Mentor

As volunteers in our Media Arts Mentoring program, Mentors provide support to students ages 10-18. Alongside the Lead Teaching Artist and a Teaching Assistant, Mentors are members of the teaching team. With classes of 8-12 students, Venice Arts' aim is to provide a mentorship ratio of 1:4 or less. This ratio is especially beneficial for working in small groups and providing 1:1 support to students ahead or behind the curve.

We are especially interested in building sustained relationships with artists who consider education a part of their ongoing practice, and so we will have opportunities to mentor students year-round.

Time Commitment

We understand that it is a privilege to give your time and talents without compensation and we will do our best to set clear expectations and accommodate your schedule whenever possible. However, please understand that we must prioritize a consistent and supportive atmosphere for our students.

During the Academic Year our workshops run for 12 weeks in the Fall (September-December) and 12 weeks in the Spring (February-May). Classes meet once a week for 2 hours, except for our advanced classes on Saturday afternoon, which are 3 hours. We ask that mentors be available for at least 10 of these weeks. **Average weekly commitment: 2.5 hours**

During the Summer (July-August) our workshops meet for 2 weeks, Monday-Friday for 3 hours. We ask that mentors be available for at least 3 days a week. **Average weekly commitment: 10 hours**

Qualifications

Ideal mentors are experienced artists in one of the following fields: photography, filmmaking, comic arts, and animation. We also welcome college students with a genuine interest in media arts and/or arts education who are looking to fulfill internships for academic credit.

Mentors must be at least 18 years of age and successfully complete a DOJ background check. After applying, you will be required to meet with the Director of Education for a tour and brief review of expectations and our policies. When possible you will be asked to attend one faculty training each semester.

How To Apply

Please fill out an [application](#) and attach a resume or CV. Please: No phone inquiries, emails or walk-ins.