



**Thank you for your interest in TVCOG's
Maker-in-Residence program. You can view the
entire application form here.**

Program and Application Overview:

Fill out the following form in order to apply for the 2022 Trimester 1 program. Applications are due by 5pm, February 8, 2022. Applicants will be contacted via email about the status of their application within 1-2 weeks.

Residency Schedule:

<i>February 15 - February 28: Residency begins</i>	<i>March 1- May 31: The Project</i>	<i>June 1- August 31: Community Engagement and Project Presentation</i>	<i>September 1- February 15, 2023: Long Term Maker Support</i>
The MIR will complete the orientation process required of all new members.	The MIR will work on their proposed project using the resources and space here at the COG during this time period.	The MIR will share both their project and skills with the community. Events are designed in conjunction with TVCOG staff. Completion of this requirement marks the end of the MIR's official duties within the position.	Upon completion of the above program requirements, the MIR will be awarded a one-time \$500 stipend and given a fully subsidized membership in the hopes of supporting their future creative endeavors. You will be asked to complete an end-of-year review of the program for internal feedback purposes.

Application Requirements:

This residency program is only open to Capital Region residents whose taxable income in the last year was \$39,526 or less. Applicants must be individuals; teams are not accepted. All participants must be 18 or older. To be considered a resident of the Capital Region, you need to be a resident of one of the following counties: Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, Washington.

While we do not require that you provide us with a resume or any formal references, they are encouraged, and should be attached during the "open share" section.

The application form begins on the next page. Please remember, this is only a copy. Submissions should be sent in using our online forms portal. There are no character limits for any input fields.

Basic Information(Required)

Applicant Name:*

Pronouns:*

Email Address:*

Mailing Address:*

Phone Number:*

Financial Eligibility*

Please provide your annual taxable income as of last year. Please note, we reserve the right to request proof of income upon acceptance into the program. This information will be kept confidential.

Schedule Availability*

This program offers a flexible schedule, and time requirements vary depending on the project, but the MIR will need to be available to meet with TVCOG staff during regular business hours several times during the program. Our office hours are 11am-4pm, Monday-Friday.

In order to help us design the right program schedule for you, please tell us a little bit about your current schedule/availability.

Demographic Information (Optional)

The following questions are completely voluntary, and are for grant reporting and informational purposes only. If you would prefer not to answer, you can just leave the field blank. All answers will be kept completely confidential.

In your own words, how would you describe your race and/or ethnicity?

Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ Community?

Birth Date**What is your current employment status?****About the Maker (Required)**

This program will look different for everyone who participates in it, but no matter the Maker, the residency remains a collaborative, community-focused program. Our MIR is expected to be an active member of our community, represent us in various media, and collaborate with staff throughout the duration of their program. So, we want to take this chance to learn a little more about you, and why you would be a good fit in this program.

Maker Statement*

Tell us a little about yourself! Please provide us with a short (2-4 paragraph) "Maker Statement," introducing us to you and your work. We want to know about your background, the kinds of things you make, and your philosophy as a Maker.

*Answers can be provided as attachments, **or** entered directly into the text box. You do not need to provide both. In addition, while this section of the form is designed for written answers, if you feel that you can better answer via a different format or medium (video, presentation, etc.) please feel free to do so.*

Program Interest*

Tell us a little bit about why you want to join our community as our MIR. Why are you interested in being a part of this program? How will participating in this residency support you on your personal creative journey?

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Portfolio*

Please provide a portfolio of projects you have completed in the past. Please note that this does not need to be a professional-grade portfolio; we are just looking to gather information about your skill level and the types of projects you create. We recommend sharing at least 5 projects with us in order to help us get a better sense of your work.

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About the Residency (Required)

The main requirements of your residency will be completing your signature Maker Project (a project of your own choosing) and completing the Community Engagement requirement, which will take the form of free workshops/seminars/events designed to share your skills with the public. In addition, the MIR will serve as an active media ambassador for TVCOG.

The ideal project proposal is a creative, social-impact driven project that makes use of multiple work zones here at TVCOG. To find out more details about the equipment we have available, [please check our website here](#). **Tell us a little bit about your vision for your residency!**

The Project Proposal*

What project would you like to pursue here during your residency? Project proposals can be in text form, sketches, computer renderings, or any combination thereof.

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TVCOG Equipment You Plan to Use*

Which work zones will you be making use of to complete your project?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodshop | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metalshop | <input type="checkbox"/> Glass Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laser Cutting | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiber Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3D Printing | <input type="checkbox"/> Prototyping Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welding | <input type="checkbox"/> Model Shop |

Community Engagement and Skill Sharing*

Your community engagement element should make use of your project and the skills you've honed during project creation. For example, if your Maker Project was a sculptural piece, you might decide to host a series of free workshops exploring the process that you used. The Community Engagement element will be planned and designed by the MIR in conjunction with TVCOG staff.

Do you have any prior experience teaching or leading workshops? If so, please provide a brief example.*

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Give us 1-3 short examples of possible workshops you could develop as part of your residency.*

For example, you might be interested in creating a workshop about 3D design and printing specifically for middle schoolers, using TinkerCAD. Examples do not need to be longer than a sentence.

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Additional Information (Optional)

Open Share

Please share anything else that you feel would help us get to know you better. If you have a resume or reference letters to share, attach them here. If you have follow-up questions about the program, you may also enter those in the text field below.

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Final Steps!

Future Residencies*

We will be hosting this program two more times this year. If your application is not chosen for this trimester, would you like it to be automatically considered for either of the following trimesters?

- Yes, please consider my application for the upcoming Summer Trimester, beginning in June.
- Yes, please consider my application for the upcoming Fall Trimester, beginning in September.
- Yes, please consider my application for both upcoming trimesters.
- No, thank you. I will decide whether or not to reapply later.

Maker In Residence Program Agreement*

This is not an offer of employment, and as a “maker-in-residence” (MIR) you will be considered an independent contractor. The MIR is also considered a member of the Tech Valley Center of Gravity (TVCOG) and as such will be expected to abide by all TVCOG membership policies.

By entering my initials below, I agree to the terms of TVCOG'S MIR program as stated above if accepted.

Initials Here

I understand that I will be expected to sign a program agreement contract at the beginning of the residency, should I be accepted into the program.

Yes

I understand that all program participants may be subject to a criminal background check, at the discretion of TVCOG staff. Furthermore, I understand that criminal background checks are required for anyone hosting programs through our children's section, the THINQubator.

Yes

This is a copy of the application for TVCOG'S Trimester 1 2022 MIR Program. Applications are due by 5 pm, February 8 and should be [submitted via our online forms portal](#). Applicants will be contacted about the status of their application by February 12.

Online applications submitted through our forms portal are preferred. If this is prohibitive, TVCOG will provide a paper version upon request.