

CALLING ALL ARTISTS TO THE SOUTH POLE



Summary: *Head to Antarctica to create your next creative masterpiece. Who knew such bitter cold could be inspiring?*

The National Science Foundation sponsors the Antarctic Artists & Writers Program for those willing to and wanting to go to the ends of the earth for their work. A select number of applicants are chosen to receive economy airfare round-trip to Antarctica to work on their Arctic-themed projects.

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Past projects include a mystery novel, musical works, underwater photography, and sculptures. There is no funding given to participants for other items such as salaries, materials, completion of the envisioned works or other. There are three year-round stations and numerous research camps and research ships.

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The primary purpose of the program is to support writing and artistic projects that are designed to increase understanding and appreciation of the region and of the human activities on the continent. Typically only 1-3 people are chosen and they get to spend 6-15 days on the continent to finish their project.

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Antarctica is primarily a research based region with around 3,700 working on it during the summer and 1,200 remaining for the winter. The main employers include Lockheed Martin, Gana-A "Yoo Service Corporation, PAE Inc, and GHG Corporation. The most common research jobs are glaciologists, geologists, chemists, atmospheric physicists, meteorologists, oceanologists, and biologists. Support positions include cooks, electricians, carpenters, boat handlers, doctors, mechanics, radio operators, fire fighters, and diving officers.

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