



News Release

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Durham Now Seeking Artists for Traffic Signal Box Mural Designs *October 28 Submission Deadline*

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham artists interested in creating traffic signal box mural designs to be showcased throughout the community should apply now for this new call-for-artist opportunity.

Duke University Community Benefit Project, in collaboration with the City of Durham Public Art Program and Mural Durham, are now seeking local artists to submit a mural design to be installed on traffic signal boxes around Durham.

The team is looking for local artists or artist teams to design and install murals that celebrate Durham's history, culture, and community. The selected artists will be offered an honorarium of \$1,000, and will be allotted an additional \$300 to purchase supplies. The expected completion date of the project is mid-November 2018. At this time, the winning artists will be invited to participate in an unveiling ceremony showcasing their work.

Application requirements include a portfolio and a résumé, which should be submitted by Sunday, October 28, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. The portfolio should include two-to-three samples of the artist's work. All required materials should be submitted by email to Project Managers and Duke University students Hannah Wolfe at hannah.wolfe@duke.edu and Caroline Wang at caroline.y.wang@duke.edu. For more information about this public art initiative or the application process, email the project managers or call Wolfe at (917) 301-0028 or Wang at (919) 633-2632.

About Duke University Community Benefit Project

Duke students Hannah Wolfe and Caroline Wang are involved in this project through Duke University's Community Benefit Project, which is a component of the [Hart Leadership Program](#) through the Sanford School of Public Policy. The goal of this project is to develop the City of Durham's traffic signal box public art program to build community engagement through public art and strengthen the Duke-Durham relationship.

About Mural Durham

Mural Durham is a movement that connects Durham through creativity—one mural at a time. The [MuralDurham.com living archive](#) was created in 2016 by community and Duke University partners in response to the city's growing number of murals. Today, Mural Durham is a collaboration between the City of Durham Public Arts Program, Duke Arts, Artstigators, Nasher Museum of Art, and the Office of Durham Affairs. Mural Durham celebrates creative expression across the Bull City by capturing the growing number of murals in Durham, providing historical context, producing a Mural Finder booklet (available in the Durham Visitor Info Center), promoting monthly mural bicycle tours with Preservation Durham, partnering for mural festivals and events, promoting mural opportunities, and more. Tag @Mural_Durham and use #muraldurham when you spot a worthy mural, and visit www.muraldurham.com to learn more.

About the City of Durham General Services Department

The [General Services Department](#) builds and maintains City properties to make Durham a great place for people to live, work, and play. Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the department's core functions include the acquisition and sale of properties, design and management of new construction and renovation projects, building maintenance, landscaping and urban forestry services, cemeteries management, sustainability and energy management, cultural and public art program management, and supporting the nonprofit [Keep Durham Beautiful](#).

About the City of Durham Public Art Committee

The [Public Art Committee](#) serves as an advisory body to the Durham City Council and the City Manager, and its functions include assisting the City's General Services Department on matters relating to public art; implementation of the Public Art Policy; and reviewing proposals for public art projects brought to it by the City administration; and making recommendations to the [Cultural Advisory Board](#) regarding project approvals. To further help artists connect with opportunities, the City has a [Durham Calls for Artists](#) page on its website, which lists a number of upcoming opportunities for artists in and around Durham. Artists and other stakeholders who would like to be notified of current and future art-related opportunities and news can now sign up for alerts through the [Cultural and Public Art mailing list](#). For more information about the City's Public Art Program, visit the City's [public art webpage](#). Artists interested in more information about the Public Art program may also contact Special Projects Manager Stacey Poston with the City's General Services Department at (919) 560-4197, ext. 21254 or by [email](#).

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