



## **Catalysts for Sustainability**

**College of Performing Arts: Distinguished Artist-in-Residence for Environmental Sustainability**

### **Description:**

The College of Performing Arts (CPA) at Rowan University welcomes applications for a new full-time temporary position: Distinguished Artist-in-Residence for Environmental Sustainability (DARES), a part of Rowan University's Catalysts for Sustainability initiative. The successful candidate will begin September 1, 2022, and will serve a 2-year non-renewable term; the DARES position is then be offered to a new artist for each subsequent 2-year term. Artists of any and all disciplines are encouraged to apply. We seek creative individuals who use their creative work to engage with the forces affecting our planet, who have a demonstrated commitment to meaningful and innovative environmental outreach. The successful candidate will exhibit compelling communication skills and a deep commitment to sharing their work with the public.

During this 2-year on-campus residency, the DARES will complete a major creative project (or project series) that relates directly to the climate crisis and/or biodiversity crisis. The project will be shared with colleagues, students, and community members both in its final form and during the process of its creation. Special consideration will be given to projects that are interdisciplinary and that include opportunities for meaningful collaboration. Other duties will include: collaborating with CPA faculty and students (from both the Department of Music and the Department of Theatre & Dance) in various sustainability-related performances, discussions, and initiatives; contributing as an active member of the Catalysts for Sustainability interdisciplinary faculty cohort; teaching a "Performing Arts & Sustainability" seminar each spring semester, as well as other teaching opportunities based on artist interest and background; inspiring environmental action through art among our CPA community and beyond.

Rowan University's newly launched Catalysts for Sustainability program seeks to hire ten new faculty to develop, advance, and communicate solutions to humanity's most pressing existential threats posed by the climate and biodiversity crises. The university-wide cohort will lead and collaborate across colleges, disciplines, and communities, catalyzing new initiatives in

sustainability research, advocacy, and education while leveraging existing strengths. This project builds upon Rowan University's strategic pillars (access, affordability, quality, and serving as an economic engine) and furthers our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Successful candidates will demonstrate expertise related to the climate and biodiversity crises in one or more of the following areas: environmental justice; education and public engagement including storytelling; public policy and advocacy; discipline-specific sustainability scholarship; and sustainability practice.

**Application Deadline:**

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until positions are filled for a start date of September 2022. However, applications submitted by January 28, 2022 for this position will receive first consideration.

**How to Apply:**

Interested candidates should submit, as a single pdf through the online application system: (1) Cover letter (must address how the candidate plans to contribute as a member of the Catalysts for Sustainability cohort); (2) Curriculum vitae or resume; (3) Portfolio of representative work (or link to website with creative work); (4) Proposal (1-2 pages) for creative project(s) to be completed during residency, emphasizing how this work will engage our community with the climate and/or biodiversity crises; and (5) Contact information for three (3) references.

**General Information:**

For more information, please contact Dr. Joseph Higgins ([higgins@rowan.edu](mailto:higgins@rowan.edu)).

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