

Glaze Research Technician

This position is pending funding by the Government of Canada – Canada Summer Jobs program.

Location:	Clayworx: Ceramic Art Learning Centre, 664 Dundas St. London ON
Salary:	\$19.00/hour
Working Hours:	35 hours/week
Start Date:	May 5, 2025*
End Date:	Aug 22, 2025
Duration:	8 Weeks

* start date negotiable as long as 8-weeks is fulfilled by end date

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- be between **15 and 30 years** of age at the start of the employment,
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*; and,
- be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Clayworx is seeking a Glaze Research Technician to assist with updating the studio and classroom glaze and slip recipes. This will include mixing up small test batches of glaze and slip, making test tiles, loading kilns with tests, testing revised recipes in our different firing programs, recording results and making necessary alterations, as well as testing the fired tests for food safety/ durability.

The successful applicant will work closely alongside the Studio and Facilities Manager to create a work plan to complete the project.

The youth employee will gain an in-depth exposure to technical, operating skills, and material knowledge in the field of ceramic arts. The Studio and Facilities Manager will provide supervision and mentorship to utilize the theories and lessons learned from his/her/their ceramic education into affirmative actions. Much of the technical/theoretical processes that involve glaze chemistry, studio equipment maintenance, kiln firing techniques, programming kiln firing schedules, will be covered throughout the youth's employment.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assist Studio Coordinator and Technician with studio responsibilities:

- Maintain a clean and safe studio following a high standard of health and safety guidelines.
- Make test tiles and test bowls from wet clay.
- Load/unload tests into kilns and maintain kilns.
- Mix glaze and slip test batches, fire tests, and record results.
- Perform glaze durability tests and record results.
- Understand and reinforce general rules and policies of Clayworx to maintain a positive atmosphere.
- Communicate professionally with all stakeholders (members, customers, students, staff).

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- At least 2 years of previous professional experience working in an art-making environment.
- A good understanding of glaze chemistry materials and firing programs.
- Must have knowledge of working in a professional ceramics studio and understand the basics of the daily studio operation as well as health and safety guidelines.
- Be able to communicate both verbally and through written work in a thorough, clear and timely manner.
- Be extremely detail oriented.
- Ability to effectively work with others to achieve optimal collective results.
- Ability to repeatedly lift and carry up to 50 lbs of materials.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAITS:

- Previous professional experience in a ceramics studio.
- Current First Aid, CPR, and WHMIS Certification.
- Passion for organization and cleanliness.
- Team player.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

In a single PDF file (max size 5MB), please include:

- Cover letter.
- Resume, (Optional C.V.).
- Up to 10 images of your personal ceramics or other artwork.
- Reference list (required) or Reference Letters (optional) – include full names, relationship to you, contact information.

Please send your application to the Studio and Facilities Manager at Clayworx via email to technician@clayworx.ca

Clayworx is an equal opportunity employer committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive work environment. We welcome applications from all qualified candidates and encourage Aboriginal peoples, visible minorities and people with disabilities to apply. Any request for accommodation will be considered throughout the hiring process.

We thank all interested applicants, please be advised that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Application Deadline: Sunday April 27, 2025