



NORTH HOUSE FOLK SCHOOL

Artisan Development Program Cohort 10



North House Folk School is a unique educational nonprofit committed to enriching lives and building community through the teaching of traditional northern crafts in a student-centered learning environment that inspires the hands, the heart, and the mind. The Craft Education Internship Program is dedicated to advancing the future of traditional craft by engaging participants in the world of craft education.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Artisan Development Program nurtures the growth of the next generation of traditional craft artisans. Over three years, the program offers:

- Funds for professional development, mentorship, and travel in Scandinavia (up to \$13,500 over three years)
- Teaching practice (artisans are encouraged to develop classes, assist other instructors and teach). During Year 2, this is available as paid employment. Participation in NHFS coursework (\$1500 tuition/material credit)
- Living Stipend (\$840/month for initial year of the program)
- Furnished housing (private bedroom in a house shared with other artisans, Year 1)
- Studio Space (about 250 sq. ft of personal studio space in a shared building, Year 1)
- Regional, national, and international connections to institutions and artisans through intensive instruction sessions and learning journeys
- Focused instruction in craft pedagogy, business development, and professional practice



PROGRAM DURATION

Cohort 10 has 4 openings for resident artisans. The Artisan Development Program offers a unique multi-year structure, with an intensive year-long residential program from Sept 8, 2026, through August 20, 2027, followed by a 24-month period in which participants are eligible to request project-based funding to pursue personal work that aligns with program goals. Year 1 (Immersion September 26th-August 27th) includes housing, studio space, funds for professional development and mentorship, a group study trip to Sweden, and a living stipend. The Independent Study Period (September 2027-August 2029) offers multiple opportunities for paid employment at North House, funding for an independent research trip in Scandinavia, and opportunity to receive up to \$5,000 of additional project funding. Temporary housing during employment at North House during the Independent Study Period is available.

IDEAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Four or more years of work in one of the following artisan craft focus areas: fibers (felting, spinning, weaving, knitting), basketry, leatherwork, wood (turning, timber framing, boat building, carving, building), and foods. Other areas of emerging interest to the Folk School may be proposed, provided that they have a strong connection to traditional Northern craft.
- Experience teaching hands-on craft to groups of a range of ages and backgrounds
- Prior participation in public showing of work through galleries, exhibits, or public sales
- Experience in craft education as an intern, apprentice, artist in residence or equivalent preferred
- Documented success managing independent projects and the ability to work independently and self-motivate towards long and short term goals.

REQUEST AN APPLICATION PACKET

Application Due Date: March 30, 2026, at noon CT

For questions about the internship program and application process, please email both Program Manager, Samantha McCauley, at smccauley@northhouse.org and Program Director, Jessa Frost, at jfrost@northhouse.org.