



Call for expressions of interest:
**The Memorial University of Newfoundland Folklore and
Language Archive (MUNFLA) Local Artists-in
Residence Program**



Overview: Calling all artists, makers, culture bearers, creatives and dreamers! Apply to participate in a part-time residency over Winter 2025 in The Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador Folklore and Language Archive (MUNFLA), located on the St. John's campus. This pilot program will consist of four monthly workshops, wherein a cohort of four local artists will receive support from archive staff and graduate students in the Department of Folklore to learn more about folkloristics, archival processes, and building relationships with collections, culminating in an informal exhibition of works in progress in September 2025. All selected artists will receive a honorarium of \$495.

A note from your host: MUNFLA is an inspiration rich and wholly one-of-a-kind space. Our collections reflect the deep commitment to this province by generations of scholars, students, and community members, and document a century of contexts through oral history, music, and written records. Learn more about MUNFLA here:
<https://www.mun.ca/munfla/>

The goals:

- To support creative activations of the collection
- To decrease barriers to using archives/academic spaces through hands-on experience
- To share appreciation for and critical engagement with the province's documented and under-documented folk cultures

Who we're looking for: Participation in this program in no way requires institutional training, and we encourage artists (broadly defined) at all stages of their careers and of all disciplines to apply. Storytellers! Gardeners! Performers! Craftspeople! Musicians! Tradesworkers! Dancers! Poets! All and more - we want to hear from you!

- *Specific eligibility criteria:*
 - *Artists must be available to attend all four in-person workshops at MUNFLA (monthly February to May 2025). Exact schedule will be decided by the group, but all meetings will take place between 10-4 on weekdays.*
 - *Due to funding constraints, selected artists must be unaffiliated with MUN (i.e. not current staff or students) and located in or in the vicinity of St. John's. We hope to expand the program's scope in future iterations!*

To apply:

- Email 1 PDF file to cjlundrigan@mun.ca with the subject line “MUNFLA Residency Application 2025” which includes the following:
 - Your name, pronouns, and contact information
 - A one-page letter which details:
 - A preliminary engagement with MUNFLA
 - Your current relationship to or interest in archives/working with archival material
 - Description of your current creative practice
 - How this opportunity might impact your creative practice
 - Your relationship to a specific community in Newfoundland and Labrador

Deadline: January 31, 2025, at 11:59pmNST. Applications will be assessed by jury and applicants will be notified of results in early February 2025.

We acknowledge that the lands on which Memorial University’s campuses are situated are in the traditional territories of diverse Indigenous groups, and we acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi’kmaq, Innu, and Inuit of this province.

MUNFLA recognizes the systemic oppression, exclusion, and tokenism present within archival processes, the art world, academia, and Western knowledge production at large. We encourage applications from artists who are members of historically marginalized communities.

Please note: MUNFLA recognizes that our archival descriptions contain language that may be potentially harmful to some members of the public. Traditional archival practices seek to maintain the original language used by the “creators” of our collections to ensure that historical attitudes and viewpoints are not erased from the archival record. Where possible, MUNFLA provides additional descriptive information to give background on the collections.

MUNFLA is committed to an accessible submissions process. If you would prefer to make your proposal in audio format, by meeting with us in person, or using a videoconferencing platform, please contact Chloe at the address below.

Got questions? Don’t hesitate to reach out! Email: cjlundrigan@mun.ca