



Academy For Integrated Arts  
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## **Academy for Integrated Arts AFIA-Honors Program Work-Study Position**

### Position Summary

The Academy for Integrated Arts (AFIA) is an arts-integrated elementary charter school sponsored by UMKC in its fifth year of operation. UMKC work-study students working at AFIA will be responsible for working with small groups of children under the supervision of a certified teacher. The work-study students in this position will collaborate with AFIA teachers and staff members to assist in meeting the needs of AFIA students in the context of the classroom, as well as in small groups. Work-study students can also teach enrichment during our after school program and will have a variety of opportunities to assist students, including tutoring in small literacy and math groups, and offering assistance during project work. Additionally, work-study students can assist teachers in connecting with external resources, such as finding field experience sites and bringing in expert visitors, including local artists.

### Information about AFIA

The unique vision of AFIA embraces arts instruction integrated into the core curriculum as a meaningful part of what students do every day. Additionally, instruction is from a strong constructivist viewpoint and is delivered with developmentally appropriate practices. The mission of AFIA is to use the arts to prepare students for an admissions-based college preparatory secondary school. The arts serve as a catalyst for learning, achievement, curiosity and self-esteem. Students are able to create and actively express a deeper meaning of subject matter content through using visual arts as well as music, dance and dramatization. Learning through the arts enlivens instruction, increases student involvement and strengthens both memory and meaning. Students demonstrate depth of knowledge in their ability to design, connect, apply concepts, analyze, create and critique. For the 2016-17 school year, AFIA will have approximately 170 students, K-6.

### The responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Work with small groups of students who need extra academic support under the guidance of a classroom teacher
- Work with students as they complete project work, serving as mentor, facilitating students in using technology for production, connecting with external resources, including field experts helping students create utilizing technology (examples could include supporting students in the creation of a student publication, collage, etc)
- Work with the art and music teacher in supporting the integration of arts across the curriculum (examples include working with a small group of children as they create a song, poem, painting, etc)
- Participate in family and community events that contribute to the students' growth at AFIA
- Collaborate with teachers in researching field trip ideas, expert visitors and other outreach efforts related to students' project work

### Required Qualifications:

- Appreciate our strong urban serving mission
- Value the power of school in changing and improving children's lives
- Able to work with children in small groups under supervision of certified teacher



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- Value the presence and the voice of students' families as partners in the school
- Have excellent communication skills
- Be able to work collaboratively with others in a team environment
- Demonstrate flexibility and a professional attitude
- Able to work in high-paced environment