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### Vision

AIR, the Artist-in-Residence Program at Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI), empowers innovation by uniting the creative and cleantech communities in the shared aim of addressing global environmental problems.

### Mission and Goals

Situated in the heart of Los Angeles' Arts District, AIR enhances LACI's innovation community by introducing research-led artists to a thriving environment: where entrepreneurs, engineers, organizations and policy makers collaborate, promote and support the development of clean technologies.

AIR supports Los Angeles based artists whose work addresses agriculture, environment, energy, transportation, waste, water and related themes. In bringing together thought leaders from various disciplines, we align expertise, experience, creativity and innovation to address urgent global environmental problems.

The benefits of the six-month residency are multitiered and include:

- \$13,000 stipend to research and develop artwork centered around climate change, sustainability and related themes
- Access to leading minds working in the environmental sector
- Training and access to over \$10M of prototyping equipment in the Advanced Prototyping Center (APC)
- Encouraging dialogue and community engagement at the interplay of technology, sustainability, and the arts

The opportunity for parallel technical and intellectual growth is what makes AIR so special, and is the reason our impact will be felt for years to come.

### Origin

In fall 2016, LA based artist Debra Scacco toured La Kretz Innovation Campus. On visiting the Advanced Prototyping Center and reflecting on LACI's technical and intellectual capacity and Arts District location, she immediately saw the potential for a one-of-a-kind artist-in-residence program merging the creative community of Los Angeles with the incredible resources housed at LACI.

Thanks to the generosity of The Durfee Foundation and many others, that vision is now a reality. In 2018, Rebecca Bruno, Nova Jiang and Debra Scacco are the inaugural cohort of AIR.

### Outcome Highlights

AIR not only enables Resident Artists, but also supports diverse communities across Los Angeles through public and educational programming. All events are free.

#### — **Artist Studio Visit, GRYD Foundation (Spring 2018)**

AIR artists will host studio visits with teens participating in GRYD: a foundation working with Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development ("GRYD") to strengthen communities that have been adversely affected by high incidents of violence, poverty and unemployment.

#### — **SALON, Small Green Door (Commerce)**

SALON gathers a diverse interdisciplinary creative community, resulting in a collective network that utilises skills, knowledge, support and collaboration to address urgent environmental issues.



[Small Green Door](#) provides a platform and professional creative space for artistic development, working with the community to further causes that matter, and produce sustainable, socially relevant, local projects.

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### **Sustainability Arts Workshop, Blue Roof Studios (South LA) (Summer 2018)**

AIR will sponsor a sustainability arts workshop as a part of Blue Roof Studio's Summer Arts Festival 2018: the first annual free multidisciplinary art celebration benefiting the community of Florence.

[Blue Roof Studios](#) is committed to supporting community initiatives and cultivating an environment of reflective and meaningful dialogue around issues of access, diversity and artists' roles within the broader ecology of our city.

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### **Professional Development Workshops (PDW) (Summer / Winter 2018)**

AIR PDW discuss various aspects of current creative practice; including how artists can create and identify sustainable opportunities for themselves, how to respond to large-scale open calls, and how individual artists can champion a more equitable and inclusive art world.

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### **Artist Talks, LACI at La Kretz Innovation Campus (Autumn 2018)**

LACI will host free public artist's talks, inviting professional artists making environmentally focussed work to present their practice in conversation with a professional from their field of interest (i.e., urban planner, etc).

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### **Culminating Exhibition and Panel Discussion (Site TBD) (Winter 2018)**

The six-month residency will culminate in a public exhibition and panel discussion. The form and location of this will be determined by the Resident Artists themselves.

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### **Limited Edition Artworks (Winter 2018)**

Each Resident Artist will create a limited edition work. The edition will be shared by the artist and LACI, providing a lasting outcome from which we may continue to disseminate the story of AIR.

### **Get involved**

There are a number of ways to engage with the program:

- Attend a talk or workshop
- Become a program partner or sponsor
- Become a fiscal supporter

[Contact Program Director Debra Scacco](#) ([debra@laincubator.org](mailto:debra@laincubator.org)) to discuss ways to get involved.

AIR is generously supported in large part by The Durfee Foundation, and by people like you. Please join us in continuing this important work by making a contribution. Suggested donations begin at \$25.

AIR Founders Circle members (\$5,000+) receive unique opportunities to meet with Resident Artists, as well as limited edition works. Details on following page.

Search [LACI DONATE](#). Mark **AIR** in the 'Notes' section of the donation window to ensure funds are appropriately directed.

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### AIR Founders Circle

Formed in 2017, the AIR Founders Circle acknowledges the generosity of our early funders who have generously invested in our vision. The Founders Circle remains open through 2018.

### Tier I Supporter \$20,000

Tier I gift may cover stipend and training fees for one Artist-in-Residence.

Tier I supporters receive:

- Studio visit with associated Resident Artists
- VIP Artist reception (Board and Donors only)
- Limited edition piece by each of the three participating Resident Artists

### Tier II Supporter \$10,000

Tier II gift may cover costs for the culminating AIR exhibition.

Tier II Supporters receive:

- Studio visit with associated Resident Artists
- VIP Artist reception (Board and Donors only)
- Limited edition piece by two participating Resident Artists

### Tier III Supporter \$5,000

Tier III gift may cover speaker fees and associated costs for public events.

Tier III Supporters receive:

- Studio visit with associated Resident Artists
- VIP Artist reception (Board and Donors only)
- Limited edition piece by one participating Resident Artist

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