



Now Hiring: Fabrication & Design Specialist
Type: Part-time Seasonal (In-Person)
Location: Beam Center, Governors Island
Term: June 10, 2024 - August 20, 2024

At Beam, we've spent the last 20 years coalescing multi-ethnic and intergenerational learning communities of youth, artists, and teachers who work together to construct spectacular projects - big and small - that highlight the magic of creative cooperation.

Program Description

In Summer of 2024, Beam Center will debut a new program: *Otherworlds Fair*. In this program, teenagers working as paid youth staff will collaborate to imagine and manifest a new world and share their visions with the public. They will split into teams in different aspects of culture: **Fashion, Food, Music, Design, and Storytelling**, and learn to design and create cultural artifacts and interactive experiences. This will culminate in a festival - the *Otherworlds Fair* - that will take place on Governors Island on August 16 & 17 and be entirely produced and run by the youth staff. Youth participants aged 16-22 will be invited to engage in the program at Beam Center's Governors Island location for 150 hours total over the course of six weeks beginning in July 2024.

Job Description

The Design Specialist should be experienced in multiple crafts, including **design, woodworking, metalworking, circuitry, textiles, ceramics** and/or other related making skills. The Design Specialist will work directly with the youth Design Team and in concert with specialists in the four other areas as the Advisory Group, guiding youth teams in creating multimodal projects. We are looking for an experienced, enthusiastic, organized person to facilitate the youth Design Team's creation of physical artifacts and spaces that reflect the themes and atmosphere of their imagined world. The Design Specialist should be willing to learn and offer knowledge toward a variety of skills to support participants in their unique design process.

Responsibilities:

- Guide youth in shaping and completing their projects
- Provide hands on support and feedback to a group of 3 youth mentors and 9 participants throughout their design and creation process
- Facilitate collaborative experiences between youth in project making both within their group and across groups
- Learn and share new skills as required by projects
- Manage and maintain a youth-centered workspace, assist in setup and cleanup activities, and keep track of tools and materials
- Process, procure and organize an inventory of materials relevant to the youth projects
- Participate in regular team meetings to share ideas and feedback
- Facilitate and participate in weekly planning meetings with youth mentors

- Design and facilitate a short project for the purpose of introducing the youth team to relevant fabrication skills
- Develops awareness of their ongoing growth at Beam via feedback and mentoring from fellow Beam staff

Qualifications of strong candidates:

- Comfort using power tools and familiar with shop safety practices
- Experience with project-based learning or other collaborative work with young people
- Experience in translating designs into physical prototypes
- Familiarity with some or all of the following skills: woodworking, metalworking, circuitry, ceramics, textiles and/or other related skills
- Desire and willingness to learn new skills
- Highly independent, able to set and manage personal goals, expectations, and schedule
- Imaginative, able to be flexible and resourceful
- Curious, life-long learner
- Highly collaborative, able to ask questions, offer insight, and celebrate teamwork

Work Schedule

- *June 10 - July 5:* Training and planning, 60 hours total (Hybrid)
- *July 8 - August 20* (including Saturday, August 17): Implementation, 12-4pm Monday, 9:30-4 Tuesday-Friday, up to 30 hours/week

Hourly wage: \$27/hr

Days of the week: 12-4pm Monday, 9:30-4 Tuesday-Friday

How to Apply

1. Familiarize yourself with our organization by checking out our website (beamcenter.org), Instagram ([@beamcenter.org](https://www.instagram.com/beamcenter.org)), and Youtube ([youtube.com/beamcenter](https://www.youtube.com/beamcenter)).
2. Apply on the job page of our website (beamcenter.org/work-with-us).
3. Email the following in one pdf file to jobs@beamcenter.org:
 - Cover Letter - Please describe your skills and experience! (<300 words)
 - Resume
 - Work sample (work photos, curriculum, link to website, etc)