

METABOLIC STUDIO

Opportunity to join our team and build a culture of care 2024 Fellowship

Position Title: One-year fellowship

Work Location: Los Angeles Aqueduct Watershed—Los Angeles to The High Sierra

Position Classification: One-year fellow with Metabolic Studio

About Metabolic Studio:

Lauren Bon is an environmental artist / activist based in Los Angeles, CA. Metabolic Studio is a hub of interdisciplinary art and research. The studio practice addresses critical social and environmental issues through artistic interventions and innovative projects aimed at reparation. The scope of our work is the Los Angeles Aqueduct watershed. Our project includes three post-industrial yards; two are located on either side of the Los Angeles River in downtown Los Angeles and the third is a ruin of a glass factory on the Owens Dry Lake, in the Eastern Sierra.

The work often revolves around themes of water, land use, energy and seeking to reimagine and redefine the relationships between humans, non-humans, and living systems.

Position Overview:

Metabolic Studio seeks enthusiastic candidates to join the Metabolic Studio team for the duration of a one-year fellowship. The candidate will focus on an area of interest within the studio and help co-create within the ongoing working team at Metabolic Studio. The ideal candidate must show past co-creative works and discuss the complexities involved with these engagements. This fellowship is not for first time co-creators or collaborators and requires a demonstrated engagement with post-humanist concepts.

Responsibilities:

- Generate a guiding question to engage on. Create an action plan for implementation.
- Contribute regularly, consistently, and full time to the team.
- Participate in Metabolic Studio larger practice, meetings and events.
- Collaborate with the broader studio team and consultants.

Qualifications:

- Demonstrates a work that has contributed to a culture of care.
- Collaborator with a proven capacity.
- Strong cultural competencies and sensitivities, consciousness of cultural identities and difference, committed to intersectional thinking and practice.
- A self-starter who is keen to support programs with accountability and care for both the capacities of Metabolic Studio and the communities we collectively serve.

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- Candidates must be eligible to work in the US in Los Angeles, CA. If coming from abroad, candidates must have a United States Work Visa and must arrange their own housing and transportation for the duration of the fellowship.

Desirable:

- We encourage applicants who, in addition to English, speak other languages
- Degree in environmental studies, natural sciences, geography, environmental engineering, environmental health sciences, or related field is a plus
- Strong computer skills including proficiency in office applications and software
- Mapping programs, editing, sound editing skills a plus

How to apply:

- Send materials to fellowships@metabolicstudio.org
- Materials due by January 31, 2024
- Candidate interviews and selection February 2024

Materials to submit:

- Letter of intent to include:
 - Description of past co-creative works
 - Discuss the complexities involved with these engagements
 - Proposed focus area project/program (see list below)
 - Proposed schedule for project/program
 - Resume or CV
 - References (3 x professional)
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Focus Areas:

Utility:

Metabolic Studio through its past 20 years of work, has a vast network of nonprofits, agencies, institutions, community and organizational leaders. We are looking for an organizer and strategist to help us better engage and bring together that network of like-minded individuals and groups. This includes but is not limited to creating strategy and helping plan and execute virtual and in-person gatherings, coordination, goal and intention setting, discussions, workshops, and conferences. We aim to build with the community to help us network and connect on works of remediation and regeneration of the web of life.

Undevelopment / Mycology / Soil Science:

Undevelopment challenges the urban landscape by engaging in a transformative process of removing tarmac and dismantling concrete foundations. A unique element of this project involves introducing floodplain material that was once under the Los Angeles River, effectively recreating a floodplain where it historically and naturally existed. The work also embraces

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sustainable practices by harvesting rainwater from the site's rooftops and utilizing solar energy to power pumps, offering an alternative city utility system. A focus on mycology and soil science along with decay within these basins fosters abundance and biodiversity, contributing to the health of the ecosystem. Ideal skills include visualization of data, soil science and scientific methods.

Optics:

Metabolic Studio Optics Division is looking for a person interested in working with photography as a land-based practice. Optics uses materials from the landscape as a part of the photographic process and also uses experimental technology and developing methods in an ongoing effort to map, bear witness, and depict landscape subjects.

Sonics:

Metabolic Studio's Sonic Division explores the means by which sound and sound waves can be generative of physical and biological change on a landscape scale. Sonic Division explores sound as having agency to shift stagnant or stalled energy and mitigate entropy. The team is also exploring sound as part of a plan to regenerate waste water.

Transmission Art:

Metabolic Studio is interested in how sound and image can be live streamed in varying forms. We have currently three ongoing works/locations that can be viewed/heard and experienced remotely and we are working towards a compilation work to be a part of the next Getty PST exhibition.

Filmmaking / Editing / Social Media:

Documentation, story telling, and creating informative and impactful media about the work of Metabolic Studio is a critical component of our practice. Metabolic Studio has current ongoing projects that we need with to tell the story and to create potential short documentaries.

Additionally, Metabolic Studio uses social platforms such as tik tok and substack to help communicate the work and is looking for assistance in these areas.

Architectural Designer / Landscape Architect:

Metabolic Studio is looking for a designer/model maker to work on Bending the River models, maps, and visualizations. In addition, the studio is currently designing a new river that will flow from our site to the LA State Historic Park and needs assistance in completing that design and plan.

Ceramics:

Metabolic Studio works with wild clay that has been discovered and unearthed from our project sites. This clay is harvested, prepared, shaped, and fired into working indexical objects such as ollas, seed bombs, seed vessels, and cups/plates.