



Community Partner / Artist or Scholar in Residence at the Parsons Center for Arts & Sciences:

5833 Bellows Lake Road, Lake Ann, MI 49650

Community Partner artists and scholars are all eligible for residencies at the Parsons Center as a setting for purposeful gatherings that are consistent with the Jean Noble Parsons' vision, inclusive of undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff and community members. Parsons serves as a natural preserve and sanctuary for reflection, spirituality, introspection, and self-discovery for individuals and groups of people. Please submit proposals for residencies to Sandra Murchison at smurchis@emich.edu. **Proposals for artist or scholar in residence will be reviewed on an ongoing basis throughout the year; however, the priority deadline is February, 1 2025.**

Proposals should include a CV, one page statement of intent which is mindful of the Parsons' mission, preferred dates, housing and studio needs. Preference will be given to proposals for residencies that are longer and more fully immersive.

Mission:

The Parsons Center is an educational oasis for interdisciplinary inquiry. Eastern Michigan University scholars and artists utilize this research-oriented wildlife sanctuary for professional development. The Center is a venue to provide learning opportunities for Northern Michigan communities. Parsons offers nonintrusive field research, workshops, and public seminars, balancing the broad disciplines of the arts and sciences. The natural setting, with its points of observation, offers a unique retreat. The Parsons Center for Arts & Sciences galvanizes exploration, engaged learning, creative solutions and transformative personal experiences for all.

Options for housing and work spaces:

1.) **An artist or scholar in residence may stay in the faculty house at Parsons:** sleeps 8, living room, full kitchen, washer/ dryer, one room bunk, den with bunk bed, two private bathrooms, computer and wifi. The house has a deck which overlooks Bellows Lake. Water-soluble art processes that do not require studio walls for production, can potentially utilize the house as a combination housing and studio space. Of course, the house is well suited for scholars to both live and work in. The fee to stay in the house while in residency is \$230 per week.

2.) **An artist or scholar in residence may stay in the faculty house and work in the large studio at Parsons:** the studio has plenty of long work tables, with double doors leading out to a deck. This arrangement might be most suited for visual artists. The fee to work in the studio as an artist in residence and live in the house is \$430 per week.

3.) **An artist or scholar in residence may stay in the dining hall at Parsons:** there is a loft for sleeping, full kitchen, washer / dryer, wifi, deck and plenty of work tables. This arrangement might be most suited for writers. The fee to stay and work in the dining hall is \$430 per week.

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