

## **AKIN WAITING LIST INFORMATION**

If you are interested in a studio membership at Akin, please read this **Waiting List Information** document. After carefully reading the document, please provide the following information to [info@akincollective.com](mailto:info@akincollective.com)

*In your email, please specify your:*

- **Budget:**
- **Preferred studio location(s):**
- **Preferred studio size:**
- **Preferred start date:**
- **Type of work you will be doing:**
- **Any other important factors or needs for your studio:**
- **Optional:** If you wish you can share links to your website, social media etc. We love to see what folks are creating!

Here is a list of our current and upcoming locations, there is a waiting list for each one:

### **Current Akin Locations (click the names for more info about each, including photos):**

- **Akin Davisville:** new location opening soon!
- [Akin Dupont](#) studios at 1485 Dupont St (Dupont & Symington)
- [Akin Logan](#) studios at 153 Logan Ave (Logan & Queen St East)
- [Akin Richmond](#) studios at 568 Richmond St West (Richmond W and Portland)
- [Akin Richmond-Bathurst](#) studios at 579 Richmond St W (Richmond & Bathurst)
- [Akin St Clair](#) studios at 1747 St. Clair Avenue West (St Clair W & Keele)
- [Akin Yonge-St Clair](#) studios at St Clair Ave W and Yonge St

### **We also have waiting lists specifically for:**

- **Ceramics** artists
- **Private** Offices ("Private" means four walls that go to the ceiling and a door that closes)
- **300sf Studios or larger**
- **East End** Toronto generally

Please let us know if we should add you to any of those specific waiting lists as well.

*There is more information on the next page regarding Akin Memberships.*

**What types of Membership are available at Akin?**

- **Dedicated Membership:** with a Studio (your own space) [pricing here](#)
- **Shared Membership:** access to the communal working areas and communal storage, but not your own Studio space. Shared Memberships are \$78 / month.

**Do all Akin locations have Shared Membership options?**

No. There are no Shared Memberships at Akin Logan

**How big are the Dedicated Membership Studios?**

Studios range from 15sf-250sf. The majority of our studios are between 30sf - 150sf, with the average being 50sf. We have less in the 15sf - 30sf, and 150-200sf range, and only a few in the 200-250sf range (not many) so the wait is longer for those. All our studios are in open-concept environments - most have 1, 2 or 3 plywood dividing walls and some have structural walls.

**How much is a Dedicated Membership?**

Here are a few examples of Akin Studio Membership fees:

25sf Studio - \$187 / month

50sf Studio - \$293 / month

100sf Studio - \$491 / month

150sf Studio - \$637 / month

There are no additional fees, but the prices go up by a smaller percentage every January.

**Shared and Dedicated Studio Membership fees include:**

24/7 access to the studio, WiFi, the use of shared storage areas, washroom, communal working areas, and access to a kitchen.

**How does Akin accept payment?**

We accept payment by e-transfer or Credit Card (2.9% fee on Credit Card payments).

**What is the minimum rental term?**

We ask for a 2 month commitment and then membership is month-to-month after that.

### **What are the Studio Rules and Policies?**

All Akin members must sign a Membership Agreement, and follow our [Code of Conduct](#), [Health and Safety](#) and [Guest](#) policies. Our studios are **quiet workspaces** and **scent-free spaces**.

### **Why am I being added to a waiting list?**

All of our studios are currently all at capacity. Three of our studio locations [closed permanently](#) in 2023: Akin Bloor-Yonge, Akin Stockyards and Akin Waterfront and we had over 100 artists working at those locations who needed new studio homes. They were given priority for all our available studios and we are now at capacity ever since then, with growing waiting lists. We hope to continue opening new locations to accommodate the growing need for studio space in Toronto. We expect new locations to open across the city in 2024.

### **How long will I have to wait?**

The waiting times vary for every location depending on the turnover rate for new members at that studio, and the needs of the people on the waiting list ahead of you. We have listed estimates on our [Currently Available](#) webpage. These estimates may vary. Since our studio rent is month-to-month we do not know what is available until one month in advance. Akin is actively looking for new locations in order to shorten the wait time for all of our waiting lists.

### **What happens when I am added to an Akin Studio waiting list?**

When you are added to the waiting list we include information such as what your practice entails and the type of work which that surrounds; we also include when you need the studio space and for how long, your budget, how much space you need, etc. As much information as reasonably possible is gathered so as to find you the best studio for your needs. When a studio space becomes available, we check the waiting list for that location and will e-mail the person on the list whose practice is most suitable for the listed studio with details about the availability.

### **How are people prioritized in waiting lists?**

In most cases we prioritize people on the waiting list chronologically from the date they were added. Akin alumni (previous members) are also prioritized as well as folks who self-identify as a member of [Toronto Arts Council's Equity Priority Groups](#).

### **What happens when a studio is available?**

Once a studio is available, people on the waiting list will be contacted by email. To become an Akin member the artist must first meet with the studio manager as well as have a tour at the studio location. If there is an available spot and the artist would like to move in, then we require a last month's membership fee deposit and first month's payment and for the artist to sign our Membership Agreement.

**Will more studios be available in the future?**

Yes! We hope to expand to more locations as well to better serve the Toronto artist community. We have focussed our search in the downtown core, the East End of Toronto, and the Junction area - but are considering other locations as well.

**Can I get a private studio?**

The only locations with completely private studios (four walls that go to the ceiling and a closing door) are Akin Richmond-Bathurst and Akin Yonge-St Clair. You can choose to be added to those waiting lists specifically for a private space. Please note that most of the waiting list at Akin Yonge-St Clair is currently waiting for private space so the wait time is longer.

**Do you have any studios that can accommodate a kiln?**

All of our studio locations are suitable for ceramics production work. However at this time, we currently do not have any studios where a kiln can be installed. There is a member-run kiln at Akin St Clair that does firings for members for a fee. Here is the information:

[www.akincollective.com/ceramics](http://www.akincollective.com/ceramics)

**Can I be noisy in my studio? For example, use power tools, play music out loud, hold meetings or have regular phone calls in my studio?**

Our studios are quiet work environments therefore are not appropriate for practices that rely on creating loud noises or have a need for regular meetings and phone calls.

**Are you able to accommodate woodworking or stone carving?**

At this time, we are unable to accommodate woodworking or stone carving.

**Are guests allowed?**

Yes, guests are allowed. For more information visit: [www.akincollective.com/guest](http://www.akincollective.com/guest)

**Would you like more information?**

Check out our general Frequently Asked Questions here: [www.akincollective.com/faq](http://www.akincollective.com/faq)

If you still have questions let us know! Email [info@akincollective.com](mailto:info@akincollective.com)