

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

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 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 St Clair](#) studios at 1747 St. Clair Avenue West (St Clair W & Keele)
- [Akin Stockyards](#) studios at St Clair Ave West & Runnymede Rd - opened March 2022
- [Akin Studio Program at Auto BLDG](#) studios 158 Sterling Road (Junction Triangle)*
**Note: this is a unique studio program running from January 7, 2022 - December 31, 2022 and is not available for regular rental. Applications are now closed.*
- [Akin Waterfront](#) studios at Queens Quay East & Parliament - opened January 2022

Confirmed Future Akin Locations:

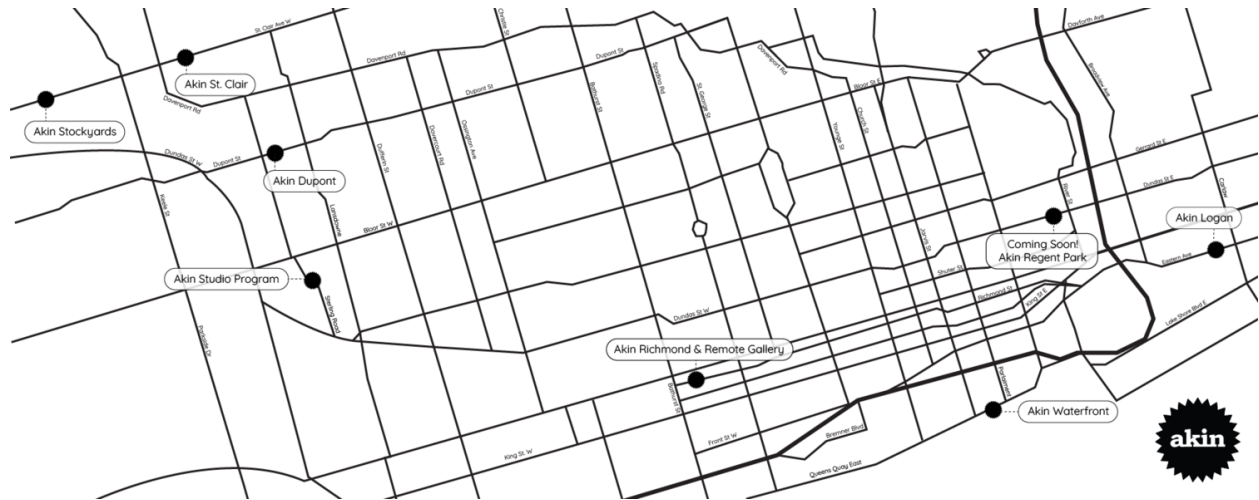
- [Akin Regent Park](#) studios at Dundas St East & River St - opening in 2022

We also have waiting lists specifically for:

- **Ceramics** artists
- **Private** Offices
- **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.

Here is a map of our current and future locations:



What types of Membership are available at Akin?

- **Dedicated Membership:** with a Studio (your own space) [priced by the square foot](#).
- **Shared Membership:** access to the communal working areas and communal storage, but not your own Studio space. Shared Memberships are \$71 / month.

Do all Akin locations have Shared Membership options?

No. There are no Shared Memberships at Akin Logan or the Akin Studio Program at Auto BLDG.

How big are the Dedicated Membership Studios?

Studios range from 15sf-300sf. 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 200-300sf 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. There are no completely private studios at Akin.

How much is a Dedicated Membership?

Here are a few examples of Akin Studio Membership fees :

25sf Studio - \$170 / month

50sf Studio - \$266 / month

80sf Studio - \$383 / month

100sf Studio - \$446 / month

150sf Studio - \$579 / month

There are no additional fees.

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](#) and [Health and Safety](#) policies.

Why am I being added to a waiting list?

Other than Akin Stockyards, all of our studios (including the new locations opening in the new year) are currently all at capacity. One of our largest locations, Akin Ossington closed permanently on September 30, 2021 and we had over 70 artists working there who needed new studio homes. They were given priority for all our available studios and we have been at capacity ever since then, with growing waiting lists.

How long will I have to wait?

Akin Richmond, Akin Logan and Akin Waterfront have an estimated wait time of 12 months or more. Akin St Clair and Akin Dupont have an estimated wait time of 4-6 months. 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](#). For our new locations we will prioritize folks who live in the neighborhoods of the studios we are opening (for example at the Regent Park location, priority will go to those folks who live or work in Regent Park).

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 fill out a Needs Assessment Form and chat with the studio manager as well as have a tour at the studio location. Currently, we are limiting in-person tours and instead offering visual materials by email such as photos, videos, floorplans etc. 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. Before signing your membership agreement, an in-person walkthrough will be possible as long as our COVID-19 protocols are followed.

Will more studios be available in the future?

Yes! **Akin Regent Park** at Dundas St E and River will be opening in 2022, and we hope to expand to more locations as well to better serve the Toronto artist community.

Can I get a private studio?

At this time, we currently do not have any completely private studios at Akin (four walls that go to the ceiling and a closing door).

Do you have any studios that can accommodate a kiln?

Other than the Akin Studio Program at Auto BLDG, 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.

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?

At this time, we are unable to accommodate woodworking.

Are guests allowed?

At this time, guests are permitted with Studio Manager approval. For more information visit: www.akincollective.com/guest

Would you like more information?

Check out our general Frequently Asked Questions here: www.akincollective.com/faq
If you still have questions let us know! Email info@akincollective.com