

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 locations, there is a waiting list for each one:

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

- [Akin Davisville](#): studios at 224 Merton St (near Davisville subway station)
- [Akin Dupont](#) studios at 1485 Dupont St (Dupont & Symington)
- [Akin Logan](#) studios at 153 Logan Ave (Logan & Queen St East)
- [Akin Niagara](#): studios at 289 Niagara St (Niagara & Queen St West)
- [Akin Queen East](#): studios at 429 Queen St East (Sackville & Queen St E)
- [Akin Richmond](#) studios at 568 Richmond St West (Richmond & 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 1 St Clair Ave West (St Clair W & 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. The majority of our studios are in open-concept environments - most have 1, 2 or 3 plywood dividing walls and some have structural walls. There are a few completely private options (4 walls to the ceiling and a door that closes) at Akin Yonge-St Clair, Akin Davisville, Akin Niagara, Akin Richmond-Bathurst and Akin Queen East.

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

Monthly prices include HST. There are no additional fees, but the prices go up by a small 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?

Since our membership is month-to-month, our occupancy changes frequently and we may not have a studio available for you that fits your needs and budget. If we do not have a suitable studio available for you, or you wish to start a membership in the future but not now, we will add you to the waiting list for the location(s) you are interested in.

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. If you are interested in having a studio in a particular area of Toronto, or with particular features or amenities please let us know so we can keep this in mind while we search for new spaces!

Can I get a private studio?

We have very few private studios (four walls that go to the ceiling and a closing door). There are some at Akin Davisville, Akin Niagara, 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 the wait time is longer for those waiting for private space.

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

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.

What visual art media are not allowed at Akin studios?

At this time, we are unable to accommodate work that requires aerosol sprays, woodworking with power tools, or stone carving. If you are unsure if your practice is suitable for Akin studios please check our [Health and Safety Policy](#).

Are guests allowed?

Yes, guests are allowed. 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