

May 27, 2015

Dear _____,

I am writing to inform you that we still have a few spaces left for our Post Baccalaureate study in Ceramics here at FAU for Fall 2015. We have extended the application deadline to **June 24th**. Additionally I wanted to make you aware that Marty Fielding will be joining us in the Fall. It should be a very exciting year. Please take a moment to look at his website at <http://martyfielding.com>

As my prior letter in April, I spoke about our **Post-Baccalaureate study**. For those individuals seeking extra time between degrees to work in a supportive and well-equipped studio environment while preparing for the next stage in his or her professional development, 'Post Bacc' study can provide such an opportunity. Our program can invite up to (5) students who have received their undergraduate degree and are looking for an intense experience in ceramics, in order to prepare to apply to graduate school or to further other career goals. Each student is required to take at least (1) credit hour of Graduate credit or (3) credit hours of Advanced/Topics Ceramics. 'Post-Bacc' students have 24/7 access to work in the spacious ceramics common room in our graduate building, T-10, which also opens onto an enclosed open-air courtyard and other enclosed, outdoor workspaces. Additionally 'Post-Bacc' students have unlimited access to glaze materials and firing (within reason) as well as opportunities to mount an exhibition of their works in several alternative spaces on FAU's campus. 'Post-Bacc' students also have the opportunity to participate in advanced level BFA ceramic critiques, as well as graduate critiques, and become part of the active Ceramic community here at FAU.

Our **program and facilities** are located on FAU's largest campus in Boca Raton. Ceramics has well over 3500 sq. feet of studio workspace. The T-10 graduate facility, where Post Bacc students have studio space in a large, 1500+ sq. ft. shared Common room, is a well-equipped complex with a glaze and 'chop shop' materials room, extensive covered and open outdoor work areas, a photo/documentation room, a project critique room, a computer lab, and a large area for installation oriented projects. The Ceramics area is equipped with state-of-the-art kilns, and currently we are in the process of housing a Fab-Lab equipped with a 3-D printer & scanner, PC and iMAC, ceramic decal printer, vinyl cutter, and a CNC mill. The Ceramics labs have: 15 electric kilns including a glass slump kiln, 3 Geil downdraft gas kilns, wood kilns, soda kiln, Geil Waterfall spray booth, large Raku kiln, Bluebird and Peter Puggler clay mixers, NorthStar and Brent slab rollers, Brent and Randall potters' wheels, and ball mill. It's a well-known secret that Boca is a college town in beautiful, sunny, sub-tropical South Florida, 45 miles north of Miami Beach, where each December there are the internationally celebrated Art Basel Miami and numerous affiliated art events.

For all of our Ceramics programs including 'Post-Bacc' study, we have an **active visiting artist lecture/workshop program**. Recently visitors include Garth Clark, Elaine Henry, Anna Holcombe, Harris Deller, Adam Fields, Mary Roehm, Richard Notkin, Nan Smith, Linda Arbuckle, Justin Lambert, Beth Cavener Stichter, Denise Pelletier, Jeanne Hulen, Missy McCormick, Greg Moore, John Zimmerman, Les Lawrence, Keith Smith, Robert Turner, Val Cushing, Gary Erickson, Adrienne Arleo, Kathy King, Ted Adler, Yih-Wen Kuo, Jason Walker, Sam Chung, Michael Schmidt, Ron Meyers, Julia Galloway, and Andrew Brayman, among many others.

If you have any additional specific questions about our 'Post-Bacc' opportunity, please feel to contact me. I hope you will consider applying.

Sincerely,

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FAU Post Baccalaureate Study Program – Ceramics

The Post Baccalaureate study program in Ceramics is a one- to possibly two-year program designed for those students that have already received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and wish to continue their creative investigations in the Ceramic Arts. Space is **limited**. Currently we are able to host **up to (5)** Post-Bacc students. Applicants must clearly state specific goals and intentions for entering this program.

The FAU Ceramic Area has an active, diverse community designed to promote growth in aesthetics, technical knowledge, and conceptual approaches and to foster the exchange of ideas relevant to the Arts and Contemporary Ceramics.

Our competitive Post-Baccalaureate study program is for people who have already developed a body of work but wish time to further the development of their portfolio for graduate school, artist residency programs and/or other professional career opportunities. Students in this program share over a 1500+ square-foot studio in our T-10 graduate facility, which is a semi-private space with doors to two outdoor work areas. The program offers exhibition opportunities and the chance to participate in advance critiques. Post-Bacc students are required to take a minimum of 3 undergraduate credit hours of Advanced Ceramics/Topics Ceramics or 1 credit hour of Graduate level Ceramics per term.* (Enrollment in graduate level ceramic credits is feasible with instructor and departmental approval.) Kiln firing fees and most glaze materials are included. Participants have 24/7 access to the Ceramics studio area(s). **Funding opportunities are available.**

Post Baccalaureate Program/Ceramics Application;

- 1) Acceptance to FAU as a non-degree seeking student**
- 2) Cover Letter, explaining why you want to be a Post-Bacc student at FAU and statement of intent
- 3) Artist Statement
- 4) (10- 20) images of recent works, inclusive of up to (2) details or alternative views, with corresponding image description list – title, materials, size, year. Images should be saved as JPEG files, at least 800 pixels in a narrow dimension at 72 dpi (ex. 1200 x 800, 1250 x 800, etc.)
- 5) Resume
- 6) List of (2-3) professional references with contact information

Extended Application Deadline for Fall 2015: June 24th

- Email application to Angela DiCosola, Professor of Art - Ceramics at mdicosol@fau.edu

*** Tuition Rates** Current Tuition per Credit

Hour www.fau.edu/controller/student_information/tuition_breakdown.php

Undergraduate Credit hour	Graduate Credit hour
Florida \$201.29	Florida \$369.82
Non-Florida \$719.84	Non-Florida \$1,024.81

****Invited candidates will have to make formal application to the university for admission as non-degree-seeking students.**