



Beam Center Seeks Ambitious Project Proposals for 2024-2025 Season in New Hampshire, Governors Island, and a NYC Community

- Apply by September 11, 2023 -

Beam Center seeks design proposals for ambitious public artworks that will be brought to life through collaborations between youth and creative big thinkers. Projects will be realized by a community of more than 100 young people at each of our three 2024-2025 Beam Project sites: in New Hampshire (NH), on Governors Island (GI), and in a local NYC community. Artists are invited to submit proposals for any or all of these three sites, but each proposal must be unique to a specific site. Artists proposing for Beam Project NYC are also encouraged to consider potential installation sites and partners, and to include these in their proposal. Winning proposals will be selected by a committee composed of Beam Center staff, youth, past project designers, and community members.

Beam Center is a Brooklyn-based, nonprofit organization that focuses on self-directed growth through ambitious, collaborative project-making. Beam Center believes all young people are capable of spectacular things, and we've spent the last 19 years coalescing multi-ethnic and intergenerational learning communities of youth, artists, and teachers to do this work. More than 96% of the young people we work with identify as youth of color, with many identifying as Black, Latinx, and/or newly immigrated. Beam Center builds big projects at three sites each year: at

Beam Camp in New Hampshire, at Beam Camp City on Governors Island, and in communities across NYC. Beam Camp is a month-long residential summer camp in the NH forest, and Beam Camp City is a free day camp on Governors Island for NYC youth. Beam Project NYC is built in collaboration with a youth training and employment program that results in a spectacular public artwork constructed for a different NYC neighborhood annually. The 2024-2025 Beam Project NYC location will be chosen in collaboration with the artist and community organizations.

Project Sites:

Beam Project NH

- Location: [Beam Camp](#) in Strafford, NH
- Completion: late summer 2024
- Past projects: [As Above, So Below](#) (2022), [A Universe](#) (2021), and [Iceberg](#) (2019)

Beam Project GI

- Location: [Beam Camp City](#) on Governors Island
- Completion: late summer 2024
- Past projects: [Tree Chuang](#) (2022) and [CONSTELLATION](#) (2021)

Beam Project NYC

- Location: To be determined
- Completion: spring 2025
- Past projects: [Baobab: Tree of Life](#) (2023), [BEACON](#) (2020-2021), [FlipNYC](#) (2019)

Our Project Team works with the selected designers to translate their designs into their site-specific context and develop detailed prototyping and fabrication plans. Throughout the project timeline, youth work in collaboration with community members and Beam Staff to complete aspects of the projects. Precision of craft, skill, and imaginative thinking are paramount in our projects and the work of our staff and campers — please take some time to familiarize yourself with our past projects in [New Hampshire](#), on [Governors Island](#), and [around NYC](#).

Beam Center Disciplines and Facilities include:

- Wood Shop
- Metal Shop
- Textile-working facilities
- Ceramic studio
- Molding and casting facilities
- Digital Fabrication (CNC routing, Laser-cutting, 3D printing, Vinyl Cutting)
- Electronics and Physical Computing capabilities

Award, Project Budget and Selected Artist Expectations:

- For each selected project artists receive a \$5,000 award

- Selected projects have approximately \$15,000 fabrication budget
- Selected artists should have a general understanding of the processes, techniques, and materials involved in their proposal
- Selected artists must be available for bi-weekly meetings beginning 6 months before project completion in order to facilitate any necessary development, prototyping, and problem solving
- Selected artists must be able to provide plans according to the project development schedule listed below

The winning proposals for 2024-2025 Beam Projects will be:

- Proposals from creative individuals and teams, including but not limited to Artists, Designers, Architects, Builders, Engineers, Musicians, Fabricators & Technologists
- Visionary, never-before-realized ideas that culminate in unique, ambitious, and spectacular large-scale artworks in a public space
- Proposals that communicate a clear vision (sketches, diagrams, digital renderings, and other visuals are always helpful) and represent your/your team's expertise
- Proposals that make use of Beam's facilities, community, landscape and settings in sustainable ways
- Proposals that allow us to create the majority of the components onsite and from scratch using a range of materials, processes and techniques
- Specific to Beam Project NYC:
 - Projects that allow for adaptability to a New York City public site and permitting requirements
 - Proposals that have connections to local organizations or other community-based practices (not required but strongly encouraged)
- We are especially looking for applicants who reflect the socio-ethnic backgrounds of NYC and Beam Center youth

Open Call Schedule - Beam Project NH and Beam Project GI:

Tuesday, June 13, 2023: 2024-2025 Beam Projects Open Call opens

Monday, September 11, 2023: Open Call closes for Beam Project NH and Beam Project GI; all proposals must be submitted by 11:59pm EST

Friday, October 6, 2023: Semi-finalists for Beam Project NH and Beam Project GI notified (interviews scheduled)

Friday, November 3, 2023: Selected artists for all Beam Project NH and Beam Project GI are notified

Open Call Schedule - Beam Project NYC:

Monday, November 6, 2023: Open Call closes for Beam Project NYC; all proposals must be submitted by 11:59pm EST

Friday, December 1, 2023: Semi-finalists for Beam Project NYC notified (interviews scheduled)

Friday, December 22, 2023: Selected artists for all Beam Project NYC are notified

Application Instructions:

- Applicants interested in submitting proposals for more than one site should submit a separate application form for each.
- Please submit each proposal as a **SINGLE PDF** that includes:
 - The **title** of your proposed project
 - A detailed **description** of the project
 - Visuals (sketches, diagrams, renderings, video link, etc.)
 - Information about all **co-designers included in your proposal**, if any: names, emails, experience (resume, CV, portfolio, etc.) and phone numbers of each individual involved (including the applicant)
- Applications must be submitted no later than **11:59PM EST on Monday, September 11, 2023 for Beam Project NH and Beam Project GI** and no later than **11:59pm EST on Monday, November 6, 2023 for Beam Project NYC**.

Want to learn more?

Sign up for our [newsletter](#) or follow us on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) to stay up-to-date on Open Call-related programs throughout summer 2023.

Questions about Proposals?

Please contact Beam Center's project team at projectproposals@beamcenter.org

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