

About Dyson & Womack and Dyson & Womack Studio (DWS)

Dyson & Womack is an art consulting firm and fabrication studio (DWS) based in Los Angeles. DWS provides fabrication, design, and engineering services to artists, architects, and other creative professionals. DWS specializes in metal fabrication, casting and sculpting, foundry services, concrete processes and paint/patina finishes.

Explore exciting new opportunities with DWS as we build and expand our facilities and set standards in the field of art fabrication. DWS is committed to bringing environmentally safe methodologies to the production of world-class projects. DWS is currently managing some of the largest and most challenging art fabrication projects in California. We look forward to hearing from individuals who want to be part of a supportive and engaged team of fabrication specialists.

Shop Manager/Fabricator Job Summary

As a Shop Manager/Fabricator, you will operate with integrity, transparency, and resourcefulness; supporting our clients and the diverse communities and artists with which we work. An ideal candidate will have relevant experience overseeing a workshop environment and working in a fabrication studio or relevant field. They will be a team player and be comfortable communicating with clients in person and via email.

The Shop Manager/Fabricator will manage and support projects across diverse materials and mediums, working on small and large-scale artworks. They will utilize their skills in communication, organization, and making, including the ability to manage production schedules and budgets, read and interpret drawings, calculate material measurements, and assemble, cut, join, and install artworks of various mediums.

Candidates must be open to some site work.

Shop Manager/Fabricator Duties and Responsibilities

- Manage the shop floor, ensuring it is tidy, safe, and materials are in stock;
- Take ownership of fabrication projects, develop projects plans and timeline;
- Fabricate art objects in a variety of materials and methods;
- Estimate project costs, materials, and labor required for each project;
- Manage a team of fabricators, tracking project objectives;
- Assemble parts, cut, shape, fabricate, and install metal components;
- Report weekly on progress status against overall project deadlines;
- Calculate material measurements to verify specifications;
- Follow DW fabrication methods and suggest improvements as able;
- Work with a high degree of craftsmanship, skill, and attention to detail;
- Document fabrication processes;

- Maintain an organized, clean, and tidy workspace; and
- Support expansion of studio facilities and projects.

Shop Manager/Fabricator Skills and Experience

The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 3 years of hands-on experience in art fabrication and shop management. They will have experience managing projects from conception to completion. They will demonstrate a high degree of proficiency in operating a variety of common woodworking, metalworking, and finishing equipment and will be comfortable working with wood, metal, foam, glass, stone, concrete, and plastics. Candidates will also be able to read and understand schematics and blueprints and translate these concepts from miniatures to large-scale artworks, demonstrating basic skills in math and spatial reasoning.

Minimum Required Qualifications

- Minimum of 3 years of related experience.
- Ability to:
 - stand and stay active for 8 hours per day,
 - lift and move heavy objects (50+ lbs.), and
 - drive forklifts and box trucks for the transportation of artwork.
- A valid California driver's license is required.
- Light travel for work will be occasionally required.

Compensation & Benefits

This is a full-time (5 days, 40-hour work week) position with benefits and paid annual leave. Compensation will be commensurate with experience.

To Apply

To apply, email a cover letter that highlights your relevant experience and outlines your interest in working at Dyson & Womack. Please include your contact information and a current resume or CV. Information should be emailed to info@dysonwomack.com with the subject header "Shop Manager/Fabricator."

Only qualified candidates selected for the interview process will be contacted. Dyson & Womack may retain applicant cover letters and resumes for future job opportunities.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Dyson & Womack is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, age, national origin, disability status, genetic information, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.