

RHA Lead Technician

The Royal Hibernian Academy of Arts seeks a full-time Lead Technician to support the technical needs of the RHA's programme and facilities. The Lead Technician will have responsibility for delivering, to an exceptionally high standard, all the technical needs of the RHA/s artistic programmes and events. Additionally, the Lead Technician will work closely with the Head of Operations to oversee the day-to-day and long-term maintenance of the RHA building. The role includes managing external contractors and Health & Safety measures.

- Job Title: Lead Technician
- Location: Royal Hibernian Academy of Arts, Dublin, Ireland
- Employment Type: Full-time, Monday-Friday, with some evening and weekend work as required
- Salary: €40,000-€45,000 per annum, depending on experience
- Term: 3 - year fixed contract with option for extension

About the role

Particular Arts Programme Related Responsibilities include:

- Working under the supervision of the RHA's Director and Head of Exhibitions to plan and deliver the physical elements of exhibition installations, achieving the highest standards of exhibition possible.
- Leading the Technical Team to manage the physical aspects of visual art installations and special projects, ensuring that professional art-handling practice and technical excellence is adhered to at all times.
- Preparatory work for exhibition installations – including building plinths, walls, window blocks, hanging artworks, sourcing goods/services.
- Advising on and implementing the technological requirements of exhibitions and art projects.



- Along with the Curatorial Team, liaising with exhibiting artists to realise their vision to the highest possible standards across exhibitions.
- Technical management of educational aspects of the programme including preparation of spaces for classes, talks, workshops, screenings, performances, events and conferences.

General Building Management Responsibilities Include:

- Monitoring of the security and Building Management Systems, including gallery environmental controls.
- Supervising and actioning the set-up and striking of events and room set-up for hires while maintaining the highest service to artists and clients.
- With oversight from the Head of Operations, monitoring of the building's technical systems including the lift, heating, plumbing and electricity and arranging appropriate maintenance.
- Provide key support for Health & Safety compliance.
- Maintaining the Technical and AV stores, including an asset register of all equipment and the upkeep of the same.
- Working with Head of Operations on the upkeep, maintenance and caretaking duties for the entire building and grounds as needed, including supervision of cleaning and repairs.
- Day-to-day upkeep of the gallery spaces to include checking that equipment used in exhibitions is in good working order and to condition report on the artwork (with the Curator).

Required Skills:

- General experience with building maintenance, including relevant carpentry, painting and ground maintenance.
- Experience managing technical crews and engaging independent contractors for specific technical work.
- Experience with building systems and related policies and procedures.



- Good time management and communication skills are desirable.
- An ability to delegate work appropriately, communicate appropriately and conduct follow-through with staff is important.
- Concrete experience in arts handling, packing and mounting for a variety of visual art exhibitions is vital.
- Experience in installing contemporary exhibitions, especially handling new media equipment, data projectors and electronic art.
- Experience working with artists.
- Knowledge and experience with both PC and Apple computers.
- Experience mending artworks and artwork structures is an asset.

Please note this position works across all art disciplines with an adaptable mindset.

Why join the RHA?

This is an opportunity to play a central role in the operation and development of an established arts organisation, working alongside Academicians, colleagues, artists, patrons, sponsors and audiences.

Equity, diversity & inclusion

The RHA is committed to equity and welcomes diversity. We hire based on merit and encourage applications from all qualified candidates, including individuals who identify as BIPOC, 2SLGBTQIA+, people with disabilities and others from historically marginalised groups.



How to apply

Interested applicants should email **one PDF or Word document** containing:

- a one-page cover letter;
- a concise CV; and
- three references.

Please send applications to Kate McBride, Head of Exhibitions, at kate@rhagallery.ie with the subject line:

Posting: Lead Technician

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until **8th November, 2026**. Early applications are encouraged.

We thank all applicants for their interest. Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

