Hostile Terrain 94 Exhibition Open Call for Art Entry
Submission Deadline: July 1st
Exhibition Dates: Sept 15-Oct 15th

Art Forward, with support from the University of Alabama Collaborative Arts Research Initiative and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, is seeking submissions of artworks to accompany the installation of Hostile Terrain 94. Artists are encouraged to create final works that relate to themes of borders, immigration, detention and/or themes of creative expression and empowerment in regards to immigrant and/or Latinx identity. Artists of all identities, ages, levels of experience, and mediums are welcome to apply.

The opening of this exhibition will coincide with National Hispanic Heritage month (September 15th-October 15) and will be installed in Maxwell Hall at the University of Alabama. Hostile Terrain 94 is an international installation composed of over 3,200 handwritten toe tags that represent migrants who have died trying to cross the Sonoran Desert of Arizona between the mid-1990s and 2019. These tags are geolocated on a wall map of the desert showing the exact locations where remains were found. The addition of artist submissions is an opportunity to tie these themes directly to local communities while acknowledging the vast impacts immigration policy can have on people’s lives.

Artists will be asked to submit examples of prior work along with an artist statement outlining what sort of work will be submitted for exhibition. Artists will be notified of their acceptance by early July and all accepted artists will receive an honorarium of $100. All completed works will need to be delivered to the exhibition space by September 13th, with specific windows for delivery to be set in advance for accepted works. Please keep in mind Art Forward cannot assist with delivery or transportation costs of accepted works.

More information on the Hostile Terrain 94 exhibition can be found here: https://www.undocumentedmigrationproject.org/hostileterrain94.

Applications may be submitted via this link.