

Abbotsford Convent Studio Residency Program 2021 FAQs

Selection Criteria

Each year a selection panel assesses proposals based on applicants' responses to the following selection criteria:

- The commitment and capacity of the artist to use the opportunity to progress their artistic practice and makes good use of the studio space and Convent precinct through this site specific/responsive studio residency.
- Demonstrated track record in successfully completing previous projects to the highest artistic standards.
- The potential of the artistic concept to add to the creative dynamic of the Convent and make an impact on our community.

Eligibility

Australian as well as international artist(s) who work in any media or artform are eligible to apply. All applicants must have the right to live and work in Australia (and receive the honorarium) for six months.

A condition of applying for this studio residency is a commitment to producing a site-responsive or site-specific work/body of work as well as presenting other engagement activities for the public such as floor talks or other creative concepts.

Residency Details

In 2021, the studio residency program will provide one artist with:

- Studio space for six months with 24/7 access
- An honorarium of \$2,500 to be invested in the studio residency project outcome
- Access to Convent staff for collegial support, advice, and guidance
- A marketing and communications package to promote your studio residency and outcome.

The studio is a 10m² space located in the west wing on the second level of the Convent building. Facilities include: free wifi, power points, access to a wash-up sink, heating, shared kitchenette, bathrooms, shower and subsidised car parking and venue hire.

Access and use

24/7 access to the studio and Convent grounds (note that residents are required to pay a \$50 key deposit - refundable upon exit - at the beginning of the residency). The ACF does not provide residential accommodation. The studio is a working space only and sleeping in the studio is strictly prohibited.

Interstate or overseas applicants need to organise and be responsible for their own off-site accommodation for the duration of the residency.

The Convent building, the residency location, provides wheelchair and universal access via a ramp and lift.

About the studio

The studio is a 10m² lockable space and is carpeted with a west-facing aspect. Facilities include free wifi, power points, access to wash up sink, heating, shared kitchenette, bathrooms and shower.

All creative studios at the Convent are fitted with highly sensitive smoke and particle detectors. The sensors in the building can be set off by changes in air density. For example, a high level of fumes, airborne particles, moisture or significant air movement can trigger the alarm. Therefore hard arts practices which include the use of sanding or solvents are not appropriate.

To clarify any questions relating to your practice that might prohibit use of the space, please contact us (contact details at the end of this document).

During the residency

Residents can access discounted venue hire, which can be used for rehearsals, workshops or performances etc. and discount parking rates.

There are a number of tenant social initiatives that take place at the Convent, including social nights, open studio days and morning teas (depending on COVID restrictions) – each providing opportunities to meet and mingle with other creative community tenants.

There are a number of excellent eateries on site including Cam's Kiosk, the Convent Bakery, Kappaya and Lentil as Anything.

Enquiries & timeline

Please contact Abbotsford Convent below for any questions about the studio residency program or to arrange a viewing of the space.

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Applications close: Sunday 28 March 2021, 11.59pm

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