

Scotland/Australia Residency Exchange Programme 2019 July/August 2019

Application Deadline: Tuesday 5 February 2019 [noon]

Residency Period: between Monday 29 July 2019 to Sunday 25 August 2019.

Eligibility: A Scottish writer who has been resident at Cove Park as part of the Literature Programme

Programme Introduction

In 2019 Cove Park will collaborate with Varuna, the National Writers' House, Katoomba, Australia to deliver a new residency exchange programme for writers, based in Scotland and in Australia. The programme is supported by the Bridge Awards and will initially run for three years.

Cove Park is one of Scotland's leading residency organisations, and creates opportunities for both national and international artists to develop new work within supportive and inspiring contexts. Varuna is Australia's national residential writers' house and has inspired the creation of new Australian writing and provided support for a thriving writing community and growing alumni since 1989.

The residency will be awarded following an open call application process. Both partner organisations will be involved in the appointment of the participating writers and each partner will host a funded residency of one month.

Varuna, the National Writers' House – Residency Background

Varuna, the National Writers House is located in Katoomba, which is part of the world heritage Blue Mountains region of New South Wales. Built by the Australian writer Eleanor Dark and her husband Dr Eric Dark in the late 1930s the house is now recognized as a site of cultural significance listed on the NSW heritage register. In 1989 Michael Dark, the son of Eleanor and Dr Eric Dark, gave the house to the Eleanor Dark Foundation so it could be used as a retreat for writers.

Situated in beautiful gardens, Varuna is a friendly and relaxed residential retreat for writers which includes five separate bedrooms and writing rooms; three bathrooms and four lavatories; comfortable living and dining rooms; an extensive library; and a spacious, well equipped kitchen and laundry.

The Varuna Residential Program supports intensive work, conversation and community for writers at all levels of experience and across a wide range of writing practice. The program runs continuously throughout the year with up to five writers, each with an identified project, invited to be in residence at Varuna at any one time. It also values exchange and has developed a number of successful international exchanges.

Dates and Duration of the Residency

The writer residency will take place between Monday 29 July to Sunday 25 August 2019. The residency is for four weeks.

Travel

The project will meet the costs of return flights from Scotland to Australia.

Accommodation and Workspace

The resident will be provided with their own private bedroom and writing room. Meals are provided.

Fees

The artist will receive a fee of £1,300.00 [£325.00 per week].

*Please note: the fee is inclusive of VAT and payable by Cove Park to the artist. The appointment is on a freelance basis and the artist will be responsible for paying his or her own tax and national insurance.

Selection Criteria and Application Process

Applicants must be able to commit to a residency in Australia during the dates specified. We expect applicants to engage with the writing community at Varuna. We are also looking to select a writer who has the ability to present their work as part of Sydney Writers' Festival Blue Mountains Program.

This opportunity is open to writers [fiction, non-fiction, prose, poetry] who have previously been resident at Cove Park as part of the funded Literature programme. Selection will be based upon the quality of your ideas and work and the relevance of this opportunity to your current practice and research interests.

The deadline for applications is noon on Tuesday 5 February 2019. Your application should include one PDF containing the following information:

- Your CV [including contact details and the names of two professional referees]
- A statement of no more than one page, summarizing your current work, the reasons for your interest in this residency and what you would hope to achieve through it
- Details, and examples [no more than 5 pages], of work published to date

Please e-mail your application to Rebecca.DeWald@covepark.org by 12.00 on Tuesday 5 February 2019. We are unable to accept late applications. We will acknowledge receipt of all applications by return email and short-listed applicants will be invited to an interview in Glasgow on Thursday 7 February 2019. Applications from short-listed candidates will be shared with the Varuna team. We will inform the successful candidate by Monday 11 February 2019.

Further information can be found via each partner's website:

www.covepark.org

<http://www.varuna.com.au>

If you have any specific questions relating to this programme, please contact: Vanessa Paynton at vanessa.paynton@covepark.org



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