

COVE PARK

YOUTH ARTS FUND BURSARY PROGRAMME 2022/23

PROGRAMME INFORMATION & APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Introduction

Cove Park is a residency based in Argyll on the west coast of Scotland. We host national and international artists, cultural practitioners, and researchers, and provide the facilities and support required for the development of new ideas and new work. Residents stay on site in private accommodation and have access to private studios, communal work and meeting space, a library, and Cove Park's 50-acre rural site. Up to 20 artists can be on site at any one time. This means every resident can meet and work alongside individuals and collaborative groups from a wide range of backgrounds and career stages. We organise informal peer-to-peer events to encourage discussion, the exchange of ideas and experiences, and the development of new connections.

Cove Park's residency programme supports research, the development of existing and new projects, collaboration, interdisciplinary practice, and the production of new work and ideas. We host between 12 to 20 residents at any one time, and Cove Park's team provide the support and care necessary to ensure each residency is as productive, engaging, and enjoyable as possible.

In 2021 Cove Park introduced an enquiry-based model for producing cross-disciplinary work and collective intelligence around pressing global concerns. This is founded upon the belief that artistic research is uniquely placed to unpack some of the most acute problems of our times, and that the transformative power of the arts is amplified through collaboration and exchange with other disciplines, including academic and scientific research. Coinciding with the COP26 conference in November 2021, we launched our first enquiry on the environmental crisis. During 2022 all our residents, including those taking part in the Youth Arts Fund Bursary Programme, will have the opportunity to take part in and actively contribute to this ongoing research.

Please see <http://www.covepark.org/> for further information on our current programme, images of Cove Park's site and facilities. Our [FAQ](#) page answers general questions on Cove Park's residencies and access.

The Youth Arts Fund Bursary Programme

In November 2021 Cove Park was awarded funding from Creative Scotland's Youth Arts Fund [Bursary Programme](#), a new nationwide initiative designed to

support early career artists and creative practitioners aged 18-24 in the arts, screen, and creative industries. The funding means Cove Park can now offer four Bursaries directly to early career individual artists and creative practitioners based in Scotland to help them develop and produce new work.

The Bursaries will be awarded through an open call for applications and interview process, taking place between 20 January 2022 and 11 March 2022.

Cove Park's Youth Arts Fund Bursary Programme: Key Points

- The four Bursaries will begin on 1 April 2022 and continue until the end of February 2023.
- During this period, each Bursary holder will be awarded a four-week residency at Cove Park. Residency dates are negotiable, and the four weeks can be split and divided between different months to suit work and family commitments.
- Each Bursary holder will receive a fee of £4,200. The fee is a contribution towards the Bursary holder's time during the residency at Cove Park, and a fee for participation in, and related costs connected to, professional development during the period of the Bursary.
- The residencies are designed to support the development of new work, research, and experimentation. The Bursary holder will not be required to produce a final piece of work or give a public presentation.
- Cove Park's team will support research and practical requirements leading up to and during the residency.
- During the residencies, Cove Park will organise studio visits and/or one-to-one meetings for each participant with established artists and professionals working in their specialisms.
- The Bursary holders will be mentored throughout the period of the Bursary by members of Cove Park's team, who will offer advice, make connections with other relevant organisations, artists, and professionals, including former residents, and programme advisors. This aspect of the Bursary will be discussed at the beginning of the Bursary period and designed in a way that responds directly to the needs and interests of the Bursary holder.
- To ensure the right support is given throughout the period of the Bursary, and during the residency, a member of Cove Park's team will offer to meet informally with each Bursary recipient every month, and our 'open door' policy means the team can be contacted as and when advice or help is required.
- The Bursary holder will be invited to Cove Park's engagement and events programme throughout the year, having the opportunity to meet national and international artists, cultural practitioners, and researchers working in all art forms and at every career stage.

- The Bursary holders will be invited to join Cove Park's [Associates](#) programme following the period of the Bursary. This programme provides opportunities for all our former residents to continue take an active part in Cove Park's wider residency programme, participate in future projects and in our engagement programme.

What Cove Park Provides

Cove Park's facilities include:

- Individual private accommodation and accommodation suitable for those working in collaboration or attending with children (please note Cove Park's residencies are self-catering and each unit is equipped with its own kitchen).
- One accessible accommodation unit, with adjoining studio, located at the top of our site and adjacent to the Jacobs Building. Please let us know at the point of application, or during interview, if this unit would be preferable for you.
- Private studio, for those with studio-based practices.
- Workspace and meeting space within the communal Jacobs Building, which also houses a library, a large rehearsal room with a wooden floor, open-plan kitchen and dining area, and laundry facilities.
- Cove Park has a limited supply of basic tools and equipment (a list of this will be shared with artists in advance of their residencies) and residents should bring any specialised equipment or materials that they require. Cove Park's 60-litre kiln is housed in Studio 2 and this space can be reserved for those working in ceramics.
- Unlimited access to the 50-acre site.

Who Can Apply & How to Apply

To be eligible to apply you must be based in Scotland, aged 18-24 (or aged over 24 if disabled and/or care experienced), and establishing a career in one of the following four categories:

1. **Design** - including fashion and product designers.
2. **Literature** - including creative writers in any genre.
3. **Theatre** - including performers, playwrights, and theatre makers in general.
4. **Digital Arts** - including gaming.

Applications can be submitted via the online [Application Form](#).

The Application Form must include:

- Your name and contact details.
- A statement (no more than 500 words) briefly describing your current work and the reasons for your interest in this Bursary.
- Your CV, including the names and contact details of two professional referees (*please note we will only contact your referees if your application is shortlisted for interview*).

- A list of the documentation of your work, including image captions when relevant, or the accompanying material uploaded with the Application Form.

Please upload the following documentation or accompanying material within the Application Form:

- Up to 7 images of your work.
- Film or video work should be submitted on a showreel (maximum duration 5 minutes) uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo, with the link provided in the Application Form. If password protected, please include the password.
- Audio work (maximum duration 5 minutes) should be uploaded to Soundcloud, with the link provided in the Application Form.
- Prose, no more than 500 words (no more than 2 pages). Poetry, up to 4 poems (no more than 4 pages).

We can accept submissions in audio or video formats if this is preferable to a written application. If you consider yourself to have a disability, please tell us if there are any reasonable adjustments to the application process that would be of assistance to you. If you would like to discuss this, or need help making your application, please contact Cove Park's Programmes & Communications Producer [Alex Marrs](#) directly.

Selection for interview will be based on the following criteria:

- The quality of your ideas and work.
- Your need for an extended period of research and development, and your reasons for applying to this programme.
- Your interest in working within a community of artists.

Deadline for applications: **Monday 21 February 2022**

We will acknowledge receipt of your application as soon as it is received. This acknowledgement will include a link to our anonymous Equality, Diversity & Inclusion monitoring form for completion and we would be grateful for your time with this. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, please contact Cove Park directly to confirm receipt of your application.

The applications will be short-listed for interview by Cove Park's team together with advisors representing the four Bursary categories. The names of these advisor will be published on our website by 4 February 2022.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission by **Friday 4 March 2022**.

Interviews will take place via Zoom during the week of **Monday 7 March 2022**. The interview panel will include a member of the Cove Park team, a Cove Park Associate (former resident) and a programme advisor.

We want our residencies, programmes, and resources to be open, inclusive, and welcoming to all. We are currently reviewing how we work towards achieving greater equality within all levels of our organisation and across all programmes.

We encourage applications from all backgrounds and communities. We actively encourage applications from African Diaspora people; South, East, and South-East Asian Diaspora people; Middle Eastern and North African Diaspora people; ethnically diverse people; people with disabilities; and all those who have been historically underrepresented within the cultural sector. Our intention is to better reflect society as a whole in our programme in terms of race, religion, ability, gender, sexuality, age and socio-economic status.

Please note, we will store applications electronically for one year. The data contained within your application will not be used for any purpose other than short-listing, running, and evaluating the programme. We will not share your details with any third parties without obtaining permission from you to do so.

We would prefer not to receive applications by post. However, if you would like to submit supplementary material, such as catalogues, with your application please post these to the address below. If you would like this material to be returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

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