

COVE PARK

FUNDED RESIDENCIES 2023/2024 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Deadline for Applications: Monday 5 December 2022 (12pm GMT)



[Cove Park](#) is located on a 50-acre site overlooking Loch Long on Scotland's west coast. The site benefits from both an outstanding rural location and proximity to Glasgow.

Since its launch in 2000, Cove Park has welcomed over 3,000 national and international artists, creative practitioners and researchers, working in all art forms and creative disciplines, and at every stage in their careers. Cove Park's self-directed residencies support individuals and collaborators to focus upon research, experimentation, the development of current projects, and the production of new work and ideas. Our dedicated professional team provide the support and care necessary to ensure each residency is as productive, engaging, and enjoyable as possible.

Funded Residencies: Aims & Eligibility

Cove Park's Funded Residencies are open to national and international individuals and collaborators who urgently require the time, care, financial support, and facilities we offer to focus upon and develop their own professional creative practice. A final presentation or participation in a public event is not a requirement, but we aim to support those who wish to work within and contribute to a community of residents, and to benefit from the experience of working alongside individuals and collaborators engaged in a wide range of specialisms.

To facilitate exchange, discussion, and collaboration, Cove Park organises opportunities for residents to meet throughout the course of their residencies, and to participate in informal peer-to-peer events, dinners, talks, studio visits, and screenings. For those working in Scotland for the first time, we provide opportunities to meet and engage with other cultural organisations and artists across Scotland.

Cove Park has recently established new partnerships with national and international environmental, academic, scientific, and cultural organisations and networks concerned with the climate crisis. Residencies are ideally placed to bring together individuals and groups, from a diverse range of backgrounds, for a sustained period to collaborate, exchange ideas, and focus upon new approaches to urgent issues of global concern. We continue to welcome applications from those working on projects connected to the climate crisis and wishing to take part in and actively contribute to this enquiry-based approach.



Facilities and Resources

Cove Park provides:

- Private accommodation suitable for individuals, those working in collaboration or attending with children. Cove Park's residencies are self-catering, and each unit has its own kitchen.
- One accessible accommodation unit, with adjoining studio. Please let us know at the point of application, or during interview, if this would be preferable for you.
- Private studios
- Work and meeting spaces within the Jacobs Building, a communal space which also houses the library, an open-plan kitchen and dining area.
- Cove Park has a limited supply of basic tools and equipment and a 60-litre kiln (residents should bring their own specialised equipment or materials).



Residency Dates and Duration

The funded residencies will take place at Cove Park between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024. Cove Park will work with the selected artists to ensure that the dates, duration and structure of their residencies are as beneficial as possible.

The average residency length is four weeks. We welcome applications from those interested in shorter residencies (2 - 4 weeks) or longer periods of time (4 - 12 weeks).

Given the impact of travel upon the environment, Cove Park encourages slow travel whenever possible and, for international residents, can include slow travel time as part of the overall funded residency period. Slow travel includes choosing more sustainable options such as taking public transport via trains, bus, or ferry instead of flying or driving.

Fees & Financial Support

Cove Park is committed to fair work and pay. In 2023, we will increase the fee payable to our residents from £450 to £550 per week.

Please note: the Resident's Fee is inclusive of VAT and payable by Cove Park to the artist. The appointment is on a freelance basis and residents are responsible for paying their own tax and national insurance.

Travel Allowances

We provide travel allowances for national and international residents which reflect the increased costs of travel and allow for slow travel when possible. Indicative travel allowances are as follows:

- Scotland-based residents - £75
- Those based elsewhere in the UK - £200
- EU-based residents - £300
- Those based in the rest of the world - £1,000

Financial support is available for visa applications.

Materials Allowance

Cove Park offers materials allowances for studio-based practitioners of up to £150 per residency.

As a member of the [Green Art Lab Alliance](#), we promote the use of sustainable, biodegradable and non-toxic materials and resources such as the [Future Materials Bank](#). Cove Park is also a Friend of Scotland's [Circular Arts Network](#) and we recommend this resource for a wide range of materials.

Selection Criteria & How to Apply

Selection for interview will be based on the following criteria:

- The creative strength of your work and ideas
- Your need for a period of research and creative development
- Your interest in working within a community of artists.

Please complete and submit the online [Funded Residencies 2023 / 2024 Application Form](#).

Please include:

- Name and contact details. Collectives/collaborators should name one lead applicant.
- A statement (no more than 500 words) describing your current work and the reasons for your interest in this residency. Collectives/collaborators should submit a joint statement.
- A biography of up to 200 words. Collectives/collaborators should submit individual biographies.

Please upload the following material within the Application Form:

- Your CV. Collectives/collaborators should submit individual CVs.
- A list of the documentation (see below) accompanying your application, with image captions and links to your website, YouTube, Vimeo or Soundcloud, if relevant. Please provide password for access, if applicable.

Documentation of Work:

- Up to 10 images.
- Film or video work should be submitted on a showreel (maximum duration 5 minutes) uploaded to Youtube or Vimeo.
- Audio work (maximum duration 5 minutes) should be uploaded to Soundcloud.
- Prose, no more than 1000 words (no more than 4 pages).
- Poetry, up to 4 poems (no more than 4 pages).
- Excerpt from a stage play or screenplay (no more than 20 pages).
- Translation, up to 1000 words of translated prose or up to 4 translated poems or a selection of both (no more than 4 pages in total). The sample translations can be translated from one or multiple modern or ancient languages into English. Please also include copies of the source text or texts (these do not count towards the maximum of 4 pages).

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If adjustments to the above application process would improve this for you, please let us know. We can accept submissions in audio or video formats if this is preferable to a written statement.

We will acknowledge receipt of your application via e-mail. This will include a link to our Equality, Diversity & Inclusion monitoring form and we would be grateful if you could please complete this. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, please contact Cove Park directly to confirm receipt of your application.

Applications will be short-listed for interview by Cove Park's programme and engagement team and external advisors, including [Cove Park Associates](#) (former residents), representing different art forms and fields of knowledge. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission by Friday 10 February 2023.

Interviews will take place on Zoom during the week of Monday 20 February 2023. The interview panel will include members of the Cove Park team, Cove Park Associates and members of Cove Park's Board of Trustees.



Cove Park: Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

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

Cove Park aims to provide a safe and positive environment for everyone, and to actively dismantle discrimination based on race, national or ethnic background, skin colour, citizenship status, hair texture and hairstyle, sex, sexual orientation, gender(s), gender expression, age, religion or belief, language, ability, neurodiversity, physical and mental health, socio-economic status, educational background, pregnancy or parental status, marriage or civil partnership status, immigration status, and cultural markings and/or tattoos also due to religious rituals from pre-colonial cultural practices. As language, terms, and expressions inevitably evolve, Cove Park is committed to reviewing this statement regularly - and as often as it becomes appropriate - with our local, national and international communities.

Data Protection

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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For further information please contact Alex Marrs, Programmes and Communications Producer or visit Cove Park's [Residencies FAQ](#).

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Thank you for your interest in this programme.



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