

# COVE PARK

## Awarded Residencies 2025 & 2026 Application Guidelines

**Deadline for Applications: Friday 11 April (5pm BST)**



Cubes Arran, Bute, Cumbrae (photography, Alan Dimmick)

## PROGRAMME INFORMATION & APPLICATION GUIDELINES

### Overview

Cove Park's year-round residency programme welcomes local, national, and international artists, creative practitioners, and researchers. The fully funded Awarded Residencies will take place between late June 2025 and December 2026 and can be for as short a time as two weeks or up to three months in duration. Artists, creative practitioners, and researchers working in all art forms and at every career stage are welcome to apply.

Please note, for 2025 and 2026 these residencies are open to individuals, collectives, and collaborative groups based in Scotland and the UK and in Central and South America. Artists from the Central and South American diaspora based in Europe and North America are also welcome to apply. Although the Awarded Residencies currently have this region and its diaspora as its focus, we will continue to support artists based in other international locations through a range of residencies and projects during 2025 and 2026.

Cove Park's Awarded Residencies offer supported time for research, creative development, and the production of new work. The appointed residents will receive a fee, funding for travel and, when required, for materials, access support, and the visa application process.

## Programme Aims

The Awarded Residencies will be offered to individuals and collaborators who urgently require the time, care, financial support, and facilities we offer to develop their creative practice. A final presentation or participation in a public event is not a requirement, but we do 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 others 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. We also create opportunities for those working in Scotland for the first time to meet and engage with other cultural organisations, venues, and artists across Scotland.

## What Cove Park Provides

- Private accommodation suitable for individuals and for those working in collaboration or attending with children. Cove Park's residencies are self-catering and each unit of accommodation has its own kitchen.
- Private studios.
- Workspace and meeting space within the Jacobs Building, a communal building which has a library, a large rehearsal room with a wooden floor, open-plan kitchen, and dining area.
- Unlimited access to Cove Park's 50-acre rural site.
- A range of tools and equipment, including a 60-litre kiln.
- The full support of Cove Park's team.



Studio G (photography, Tracey Bloxham)



Jacobs Building interior (photography, Paul Tyagi)

## Residency Dates and Duration

The Awarded Residencies will take place at Cove Park between June 2025 and December 2026. 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 (up to 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 2025, we will increase the fee payable to our residents from £550 to £750 per week.

### **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: £100
- Those based elsewhere in the UK: £200
- Those based in Europe, North, Central & South America: up to £1,250

Financial support is available for visa applications.

### **Materials Allowances**

Cove Park offers materials allowances for studio-based practitioners of up to £150 per residency. As a member of [NAARCA](#) and [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.

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

### **Eligibility**

Applications will be accepted from:

- Artists, creative practitioners, and researchers working in all art forms and at every career stage. Please note, you do not need to have a formal education qualification. Those currently in formal full or part-time education at the time of the deadline for applications (11 April 2025) are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants based in the UK, Central America, or South America. Artists from the Central and South American diaspora based in Europe and North America are also welcome to apply. A list of eligible locations are included in the Application Form (link on page 4).

## **Selection Criteria**

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.

## **How to Apply**

Applications can be submitted via the online [Application Form](#). The Application Form must include:

- Name and contact details. Collectives/collaborators should name one lead applicant.
- A statement (no more than 500 words) briefly 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 and collaborators should submit individual biographies).
- Your CV. Collectives/collaborators should submit individuals CVs.
- A list of the images and examples of work accompanying your application. This list should include image captions. Information on what can be submitted is provided below.

## **Documentation & Examples of Work**

Please upload a selection of images and/or examples of your work. This may include:

- Documentation of artwork: up to 8 images (please do not submit PDF portfolios including more than 8 images)
- Film or video work (provide relevant time codes if over 5 minutes) uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo, with the link provided in the application form.
- Audio work (provide relevant time codes if over 5 minutes) uploaded to Soundcloud, with the link provided in the application form.
- Writing, no more than 1000 words and limited to 4 pages (excerpt from a stage play or screenplay can be up to 8 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 text can be translated from one or multiple modern or ancient languages into English. Please also include copies of the source text/texts (these do not count towards the maximum of 4 pages).

If you wish to submit a combination of images, film and video, audio, or writing, please reduce the overall balance of your submission of documentation and examples of work accordingly.

## Access Support

We can accept submissions in audio or video formats if this is preferable to a written application. If you have a disability, please let us know if there are any reasonable adjustments to the application process that would be of assistance to you. If you would like to discuss options, or need help making your application, please contact Cove Park's Senior Producer Alex Marrs directly.

Cove Park is piloting a new Application Access Bursary to help remove barriers in the application stage of our Awarded Residencies programme. We have ringfenced funding for Bursaries for those who experience barriers to the application process due to disability and neurodivergence. This funding can be used to pay a support worker to help with the process. **All Bursary requests need to be sent to Alex Marrs (Senior Producer) by 28 March 2025.**

The maximum Bursary per applicant is £370 (the Scottish Artist Union's day rate at £46/hr). In your request for this Bursary, please confirm the name and contact details of your support worker (this can be a friend or colleague). The support worker must be based in the UK and will be asked to submit an invoice to Cove Park for payment. Please wait until your Bursary request is approved by email before starting the support work; we will aim to reply to requests within 24 hours. As this a pilot programme, our funding is limited and therefore we may not be able to fulfil all Bursary requests.

### **Deadline for applications: Friday 11 April 2025 (5pm BST)**

We will acknowledge receipt of your application as soon as it is received. This acknowledgement will include a link to our anonymous Equalities, 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 shortlisted for interview by Cove Park's programme team and external advisors, including Cove Park Associates (former residents), representing different art forms, lived experiences, and fields of knowledge. Cove Park does not use any AI tools to assess submissions. All applicants will be notified if their submission has been shortlisted for interview by Friday 16 May 2025.

Interviews will take place via Zoom during the week of Monday 19 May 2025. The interview panel will include members of the Cove Park programme team, Associates and Trustees.

## **Equalities, 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 age, disability, gender identity, marriage or civil partnership status, pregnancy or parental status, race including skin colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation. Additionally, we aim to dismantle discrimination based on accent, educational background, gender expression, hair texture and hairstyle, immigration status, language ability, markings and/or tattoos connected to spiritual rituals from pre-colonial cultural practices, neurodiversity, physical and mental health, size, and socio-economic status or background.

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.

## **Personal Data**

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.

**Awarded Residencies 2025 & 2026**

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