

COVE PARK

Subsidised Winter Residencies

December 2025 - March 2026

Rolling Application Deadline



PROGRAMME INFORMATION & APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Overview

Cove Park is pleased to offer residencies for individuals, collaborators, groups, and organisations with their own funding to take part in our annual programme. We welcome artists, cultural practitioners, writers, and researchers – from every creative and academic discipline – able to meet the costs of a residency through, for example, the direct support of their own academic institutions or via awards from public funders or foundations.

Our popular annual programme of **Subsidised Winter Residencies** will run between December 2025 and March 2026. All residencies during this period are offered at a reduced cost (see page 3). This year, applications for this programme can be submitted at any time between 25 September 2025 and 23 February 2026. Information on how to apply is given on page 4.

Residencies are self-directed and designed to ensure those taking part have the time and facilities required to develop their own work. Cove Park's small and dedicated professional team are happy to support the research and work of all our residents, and are available for informal conversations and meetings, in preparation for and during the residency period.

Site, Facilities and Resources

Cove Park is based on a stunning 50-acre rural site in Argyll, overlooking Loch Long on Scotland's west coast. We are just over 1 hour west of Glasgow by car or public transport.

The Jacobs Building is purpose-built space located at the top of the site and designed by CameronWebster Architects in 2016. It houses Cove Park's offices and communal facilities, including a library, meeting and workspace, a large communal kitchen, sitting area, and wood burning stove.

Please note, Cove Park's residencies are all self-catering. Our Handbook, provided when residencies are confirmed, details a wonderful range of local suppliers, bakers, grocery delivery companies, shops, cafés, and restaurants.



Accommodation & Studios

Applicants are invited to name the accommodation they prefer from the list below and advise Cove Park of any access requirements. Please refer to the [Accommodation & Facilities](#) page for images and more information.

- **Cubes:** 6 private live/work units, created from converted and insulated shipping containers. Each contains a double bed, desk, shower room, and small kitchen.
- **Oak Pod:** ideal for those working in partnership or on a shared project, the oak-framed Pod features 2 double bedrooms, 2 en-suite bathrooms (with roll-top baths), and an open plan communal kitchen and sitting area.
- **Taransay Pod:** ideal for those working in pairs or in small groups, the Pod features 2 bedrooms, 2 en-suite bathrooms, 2 small kitchens and a shared sitting/meeting room. Each bedroom can be made up as a twin, allowing for groups of 4 to share the entire Pod.

- **Jacobs Building Accommodation (Gigha, Hàslam):** units adjacent to the Jacobs Building, one of which is wheelchair accessible. Both have a double bed, desk, small kitchen, and shower room. Both units connect directly to a private studio.

Workspace

- The site has three shipping container studios (in addition to the two connected directly to the Jacobs Building Accommodation). One of the container studios has a 60-litre kiln.
- Residents are welcome to use the library and desk space provided in the Jacobs Building. In addition, The Monument Trust Room (79sqm) can be used for meetings, movement work, rehearsals, and workshops, and has a wooden floor; The Robertson Trust Room (42sqm) can be used for meetings, workshops, and screenings (this space has blackout blinds).

Subsidised Winter Residencies: Dates and Duration

Subsidised Residencies can take place between December 2025 and March 2026. Residencies are typically in weekly increments and begin on a Monday and end on a Sunday, however micro residencies (3-5 nights) may be booked if available and upon request.

Costs

This year we can offer a reduction of up to 20% on our usual rates. Cove Park Associates (members of the [Associates programme](#) for former residents) are entitled to an additional 10% off the total cost of a Subsidised Residency. Subsidised rates (including the discount) are as follows:

Cubes Arran, Bute, Cumbrae	Nightly: £80	6 nights: £450
Cubes Danna, Eriskay, Fladda	Nightly: £80	6 nights: £450
Jacobs Building units: Gigha, Hàslam	Nightly: £85	6 nights: £460
Oak & Taransay Pod (entire Pod):	Nightly: £200	6 nights: £1,200

For those not booking the Jacobs Building Accommodation, which includes studios, it is possible to reserve the detached private studios on site at a cost of £20 per week (£5 per day).

Work and meeting rooms with the Jacobs Building can also be booked. Please indicate in your application if this interests you.

How to Apply

Please submit your application via the online [Application form](#).

The Application Form must include:

- Your name and contact details.
- A statement (no more than 300 words) briefly describing your current work and the reasons for your interest in this residency.
- Your CV
- Your access requirements. If you would prefer to discuss this with a member of the team, please email [Nicola Jamieson](#) directly.
- Your preferred dates and duration of residency (1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices, if possible)
- Your preferred type of accommodation.
- Whether you will require a studio or additional space within the Jacobs Building (i.e., devising/workshop space or meeting room).

Please submit documentation of recent work. This may include:

- Up to 6 images
- Film or video work should be submitted on a showreel (provide relevant time codes if over 5 minutes) uploaded to Youtube or Vimeo.
- Audio work (provide relevant time codes if over 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 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 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).

We can accept submissions in audio or video formats if this is preferable to a written application. If you 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 [Nicola Jamieson](#) directly.

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.

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