

AWARDED RESIDENCIES FAQs

What is the application success rate?

Our last general call for Awarded Residencies in 2025 and 2026 resulted in 1,201 applications. 37 applicants were invited to interview and 28 artists were offered residencies. The total number of funded weeks was 77 (the shortest residency being two weeks, and the longest running for six weeks).

I am a former resident of Cove Park, can I apply?

Yes, you can apply if you meet the eligibility requirements. We aim to award at least one residency placement to a Cove Park Associate (former resident) in each round.

If my application is successful, can I bring my partner and/or children?

The majority of Cove Park's accommodation (the Cubes) is suitable for individuals. However, we do create specific residencies for families and individuals with caring responsibilities, and the site has accommodation (the Pods) suitable for residents coming with partners, children, and those providing support. Unless your partner or children are instrumental to your access requirements, research, or practice, we would generally advise you to come alone. We can connect those residents traveling with children to local childminders and nurseries, however in our rural area these places are very limited and childcare is not guaranteed. Partners and families are welcome to visit at weekends.

If my application is successful, can I bring my pet?

Service animals supporting access needs are welcome, but otherwise we ask residents not to bring pets. Our site is home to Highland cows and sheep, and service dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. We ask all forthcoming residents to discuss requirements relating to pets with the team in advance of their residencies.

Are meals provided?

No, our residencies are self-catering. Each unit of accommodation has a small kitchen. Residents are also welcome to use the large communal kitchen and its well-stocked pantry in the Jacobs Building. We organise occasional lunches and dinners for residents and invited guests throughout the year, and we are happy to support specific dietary requirements.

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If my application is successful, will I receive support with travel arrangements?

Our team can assist with visa preparation (if required) and will be happy to offer travel advice. We ask residents to book their own travel and we typically reimburse costs upon receipt of an invoice and receipts; however, we understand that making large payments up front are not always possible, and we can provide funds in advance to support this process when the route and ticket price have been confirmed.

If my application is successful, when will my residency be scheduled?

We discuss potential residency dates and duration at the interview stage and take this into consideration when scheduling residencies; we work with our forthcoming residents to find the optimum time for their residencies, to ensure time at Cove Park is as useful and enjoyable as possible. All dates are negotiable and we aim to be flexible, recognising that personal life circumstances and professional commitments can change over the course of two years. **Please note**, these residencies are supported by a Multi-Year Funding award from Creative Scotland. Cove Park's funding for 2027 and up until the end of March 2028 has been confirmed, and we are in the process of applying for ongoing support from April 2028. However, should Creative Scotland withdraw its funding, we may not be able to proceed with Awarded Residencies planned from April - December 2028. We will provide written notification at the point when the offer of a residency is made that all residencies planned from 1 April 2028 are contingent on funding. If funding is withdrawn, Cove Park will notify all forthcoming residents impacted by this outcome in advance and at the earliest opportunity.

How are artists selected?

Applications are reviewed by Cove Park's Director, Senior Producer, and a panel of former residents, trustees, and art form specialists. We assess applications on the strength of the proposed work or area of enquiry, the potential benefit of the residency to the applicant's practice, and the suitability of Cove Park's environment and resources in relation to their creative and professional development. It is not rubric-based as we recognise that the strength of the overall proposal can be evidenced in many ways; applicants may experience systemic barriers to entry, and a CV does not always reflect potential. We aim to be inclusive of a wide range of creative disciplines, career stages, and lived experiences. Ultimately, we seek to support a diverse cohort of artists whose practices, perspectives, and experiences will contribute to a vibrant and inclusive Cove Park community. The selection process is informed by Cove Park's [Fair Selection Policy](#), adopted in April 2025.

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I am currently enrolled in formal education, why am I not eligible to apply?

Our residencies are designed to support independent artistic research, development, and professional practice beyond a structured educational environment. We encourage students to apply once they have graduated or completed their programme. Tutors or teaching faculty working in educational institutions are welcome to apply.

I am an international artist and do not live in Central or South America and I am not part of its diaspora. Why can I not apply?

This geographic focus was launched in our last call for applications in 2025. We have chosen to maintain this approach to reflect Cove Park's current curatorial focus and to deepen our engagement with this region. The focus is likely to shift in future years, and meantime we will continue to support international artists through other programmes when possible (we currently have partnerships with a wide range of international partners - across Europe and beyond - to offer other funded residencies for international artists).

How are you enforcing your AI policy for applications?

We will proceed in good faith in the hope applicants will follow our Application Guidelines. We will not use any AI detection tools. Like all digital platforms, our application form - Jotform - has AI functionality, but it is disabled and will not be used. Outcome decisions will not be AI generated: Cove Park's Senior Producer sends the emails personally.

I use AI to support my access needs, can I still apply?

We advise applicants to consider applying to our Access Support Bursary or to submit their personal statement as a voice note or video file. 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. Please note, as a small cultural organisation, our funding is limited and therefore we may not be able to fulfil all Bursary requests.

Will submitting a voice note or video file instead of a written statement negatively affect my application?

It will not and there are precedents of successful applications following submissions via this process.