

Level Up Studio Space program 2022

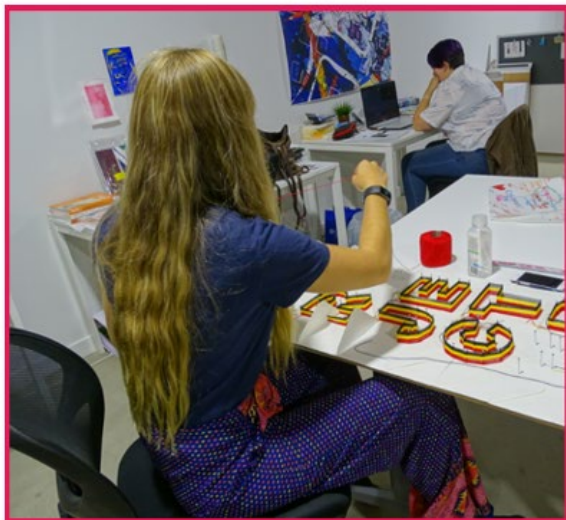


The Level Up Studio Space program is a new initiative from the City's Arts and Culture Unit, connecting young artists with spaces to grow their arts practice.

We are seeking interest from:

- Young emerging and early career Gold Coast artists 18 to 30 years in need of studio space to develop a new body of work and grow their practice.
- Self-motivated artists interested in working with creative peers, connecting with industry and the local community.
- Artists interested in taking their arts practice to the next level and being part of the City's vibrant cultural landscape.

Applications for the Level Up Studio Space program 2022 are now open. Applications will be for two, 3 month intakes, January to March and April to June 2022.



The Opportunity

The Level Up Studio Space program is offering young Gold Coast artists with 3 months of free studio space to develop new works, build their arts practice, meet other creatives and the opportunity to connect with industry through *Open Studio GC*.

This self-led studio program provides artists with independent access to a variety of studio spaces across the Gold Coast, suitable for a range of creative making possibilities.

The Level Up studio program supports young emerging artist with:

- Free co-working studio space for 3 months. Rent and program expenses to the value of \$4000
- Access to a community of peer artists through the studio program
- Support to promote and connect with community and creative industry through the *Open Studio GC*
- Professional development opportunities maybe offered during the studio placement.

Studio dates

Studio placements will be for a 3 months period across 4 studio locations.

Studio placements are for 2022 and will be offered:

- 1st intake (10 January - 31 March 2022) or
- 2nd intake (4 April – 30 June 2022)

Applicants to identify preferred intake in their application, with only one studio placement to be accepted per artist in this application round.

Who should apply?

Level Up Studio Space program is open to visual artists 18 to 30 years, living on the Gold Coast.

Art forms may include, but not limited to:

- visual arts, drawing and illustration
- painting and printmaking
- sculpture and installation
- digital and multimedia works
- cross disciplinary works

Some art making processes may not be able to be accommodated due to studio lease conditions, and workplace health and safety restrictions. E.g. use of solvents, open flame, heavy machinery, loud noise, airborne particles, biohazard material, etc.

Read studio specifications below to ensure studio selection can accommodate your arts practice. For questions, please contact Level Up program co-ordinator prior to application on levelup@goldcoast.qldov.au or phone 07 5581 6691.

Important Details

Level Up Studio Space program is a self-led studio program whereby artists have independent access to a subsidised studio space to grow and support their own practice.

- Studio Space placements will be across 4 co-working studio spaces for 3 months.
- Studio intakes will be between 10 January to 31 March 2022 and 4 April to 30 June 2022. Artists must be available during the placement period to maximise studio use.
- Each Studio will have the capacity to accommodate 2 artists at a time.
- Artists may specify joint use of the studio with another artist. In this circumstance, applications from both prospective artists will need to be submitted to be eligible.
- Council will cover studio rental fee, some program expenses during the studio placement period.
- Artists will be expected to cover art making materials and be covered by public liability insurance during the studio placement.
- Successful artists will be expected to work collaboratively with City of Gold Coast to promote, document and contribute to a programmed *Open Studio GC*. Some studio expenses maybe be provided on a case by case basis to support the studio event. *Open Studio GC* provides an opportunity for artists to promote their work and the studio program by opening their studios, to give the public, industry and local community a special opportunity to find out more about their practice and preview artworks in progress.

The Level Up Studio Program will have the capacity to place up to 8 artists across 4 spaces for a period of 3 months with the studio residency period running from January to March and April to June 2022. A total of 16 studio spaces are available in this round.

Studio spaces

Studio facilities will vary from location to location, with some studios more suited to some art making requirements.

Below are the studio spaces available:

- **Studio 1 - Level Up studio + gallery** – located at The Strand Shopping Centre, Coolangatta.
- **Studio 2 - Mint House Arts collective** – located at Burleigh Heads
- **Studio 3 - Art Shed – Ormeau Community Centre** – located at the Ormeau
- **Studio 4 - The Garage – Coolangatta Community Space** (former Danger Point Scout Den) - Coolangatta

Studio details are outlined below in **Attachment A**.

Artists will need to identify studio preference in their application. Please be aware studio selection offerings will vary from one intake to another, with additional new studio spaces currently under negotiation.

What is provided

- Subsidised co-working studio space
- Independent access to studio, generally from 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week (this may vary from studio to studio)
- Access to kitchen and bathroom amenities within business hours
- Onsite Parking
- WIFI access (available at some locations)
- Arranged access to arts professionals to provide creative practice and advice, as needed
- Professional development and networking opportunities through Level Up program and the Arts and Cultural unit
- Provision of table, chair, easel, storage cupboard and some art related materials or equipment

Expectations

- Commit to the Level Up Studio Program for the agreed period (3 months) by making good use of the studio for arts practice and the development of new works.
- Artists to provide all core art materials, own computer (if required), and equipment during the studio placement period.
- Adhere to safe work practices, including managing risks and workplace health and safety laws related to art making and use of studio. This includes following Council policies and procedures relevant to the studio venue.
- Participate in the *Open Studio GC* program to promote and reach new audiences by connecting with public, industry and local community.
- Artists will be expected to participate in scheduled studio meetings (online or in person) with program co-ordinator and studio peers.
- Artists may also participate in professional development sessions (optional) organised by Arts and Culture team during studio placement.
- Complete feedback upon completion of the studio placement.

Applications

To be considered for the Level Up Studio Space program, applicants must meet eligibility requirements, with complete applications submitted through SmartyGrants by closing date.

Eligibility

- Must be a Gold Coast resident
- Aged between 18 to 30
- Commitment to 3 months studio use

Selection criteria

Artists will be selected based on their completed application submission, including demonstrated ability to:

- Emerging to early career artists (in first 5 years of their arts practice)
- Demonstrate commitment to the development of their arts practice. Outlined in their artist CV, support documentation and art related referee.
- Propose use of the studio space for the development of their arts practice, including anticipated benefits to their arts practice.
- Desire to connecting with other artists and industry by contributing to the Open Studio program and attendance of professional development opportunities.

Key dates

Applications open	Monday 8 November 2021
Info session/studio viewing	8-12 November 2021 (via booking)
Application close	Sunday 21 November 2021
Interviews	Tuesday 30 November and Wednesday 1 December
Confirmation	Monday 13 December 2021
Studio 1 st intake commences	Monday 10 January 2022 (<i>Open Studio GC</i> various dates in February)
End of Studio 1 st intake	Thursday 31 March 2022
Studio 2 nd intake commences	Monday 4 April 2022 (<i>Open Studio GC</i> various dates in May)
End of Studio 2 nd intake	Thursday 30 June 2022

To apply

- Submit application form via SmartyGrants
- A CV (no more than four pages)
- Include relevant support material, such as link to your website, Instagram and/or images of your previous artwork


Applications close by 9pm, **Sunday 21 November 2021.**

All enquires

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Attachment A - Studio Spaces

Four studios are available for artists in this placement round. Studio facilities and features vary, with some studios more suited to certain art making than others. Ensure to read details to guide you on your studio selection.

Studio Spaces		Details
<p>Studio 1 - Level Up studio + gallery The Strand Shopping Centre, Coolangatta</p> <p>Space A&B = approx. 12m2 each</p> <p>*Access to glassed shopfront **Venue also houses Level Up staff **Large air-conditioned space ideal for desk based, digital and multimedia works</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air-conditioned Picture rail for hanging artwork Concrete flooring White walls High ceilings WIFI access Power outlets Access to scullery with water and industrial sinks Access to trade lift at rear of studio Access to kitchenette facilities

Studio 2 - Mint House Arts collective, Burleigh Heads

Space A – 6m²
Space B – 10m² (Access to window/natural light)

*Compact flexible spaces
**Will not suit large scale works

Studio A - left image
Studio B - right image



Open studio with 14 artists
Concrete flooring
Flexible access
WIFI access
Power outlet
Water access outside
Access to kitchenette facilities
24/7 access

Studio 3 - Art Shed, Ormeau Community Centre

24m² total space - shared between 2 artists

*suit ceramic, sculptural, 3D construction
** large flexible space with capacity for cross ventilation



Lockable studio space with flexible access
Large double sink with silt/clay trap (for clay sediments)
Roller door access
Good ventilation - No air-conditioning
Power outlets
Concrete flooring and washable walls
Wire drying rails inside
Access to kitchenette facilities in main building

Studio 4 - The Garage,
Coolangatta Community Space
(former Scout Den)

Approx. 20m2 total space - shared
between 2 artists

*Large flexible space with outdoor
ventilation

*Fixed open shelving for sorting and
stacking



Roller door access
Good ventilation - No air-conditioning
Power outlets
Picture rail for hanging artwork
Concrete flooring and washable walls
Water access outside
Lockable studio space with flexible access
Access to kitchenette facilities in main building