

## GC Creative Spaces

GC Creative Spaces, a City of Gold Coast initiative delivered by the City's Arts and Culture Unit encourages, enables, and facilitates the connection between creative businesses, practitioners, companies, and City owned spaces.



*Photo of 2022 studio artists, top left to right: Em Fennell, Axalah Wolf, Sarah Carr and Brodie Bricks*

GC Creative Spaces Program plays a significant part in the vibrant cultural life of the City of Gold Coast. The program promotes and supports traditional and contemporary arts practice and creatives through access to spaces and is a way for creatives to build their practice, develop new work and reach new audiences.

### The Opportunity

Need a space to create?

To hone your art workshop skills.

And work alongside creative peers?

GC Creative Spaces program is your chance to further develop your creative practice and career!

The City of Gold Coast's is offering creatives with the opportunity to further advance their practice through the provision of co-working studio space for a 5-month period across four creative spaces.

GC Creative Spaces program is a self-led residency placement whereby creatives have independent access to a studio/office space to grow and support their own practice.

- There are currently 5 co-working studios available with a capacity to house up to 2 to 4 creatives per space for a 5-month period, (mid-February to mid-June 2023).
- Successful applicants will be expected to work collaboratively with City of Gold Coast to promote, document and potentially contribute to a public outcome such as workshop, open studio, exhibition, or artist talk.

Studio placements will be for approx. a 5-month period from 13 February to 30 June 2023.

## Accessing a space

Creative Spaces provide up to 24 self-led residency placements per year at 5 different spaces. Placements are open to any creative who is interested in developing their work or practice. Spaces include co working/ office space, wet area studio space, as well as a spaces with access to larger creative development areas.

As part of the program, creatives can connect with others in their field and participate in mentoring and peer dialogue and showcase their practice to the wider community. The following spaces are available.

- **Art Sheds – Ormeau Community Centre**  
Two sheds situation in the grounds of the Ormeau Community Centre. This emerging creative precinct has space for up to four creatives. Take advantage of the larger, open plan space in shed 2 to create large scale works in a wet and a dry workshop. Shed 1 is an airconditioned creative design office space with access to lawn and outdoor area with retractable awning
- **The Garage – Coolangatta Community Space (Danger Den)**  
Bare bone's art space accommodates two creatives, perfect for large scale work creation situated in the garage of the old Point Danger Scout Den which also has creative co working office space and access to a large hall used primarily creative development. The Space is within walking distance to the beach and Griffith Street precinct.
- **The Burrow – Coolangatta Community Space (Danger Den)**  
Shared office space is ideally suited to dance or physical theatre companies or creative practitioners due to the proximity to the larger creative development space. Office users have access to the hall space on a causal basis when not booked out. If longer/ regular times are required, this can be arranged through the Community centres booking system.
- **The Southport Bathing Pavilion – Broadwater Parklands – Southport**  
The heritage listed Southport bathing pavilion has been fully renovated and equipped with office space, open plan studio space. Kitchenette and bathroom amenities. The Pavilion can accommodate up to four creatives.

## What is provided

- Co-working studio/office space for 5 months. Rent and program expenses to the value of \$6500 paid for by the City of Gold Coast
- Access to kitchen and bathroom amenities
- Independent access to studio from 9am to 4pm, 7 days a week
- Arranged access to arts professionals to provide creative practice and career direction advice

## Expectations

Participants will:

- Be issued a Letter of Offer and a Studio Agreement which outlines the conditions of the placement.
- Commit to the agreed period (5 months February to June) by making good use of the space for arts practice and the development of new works.
- Maximise independent use of studio time and creative output for creative practice and development for a minimum of 21 hours per week.
- Provide all core art materials, own computer (if required), and equipment during the studio placement period required to produce work.
- 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 venue.

- Have their own public liability insurance with cover to the value of \$10 million for the period of their placement.
- Be responsible for any damage caused to the studio building or equipment (beyond normal wear and tear).
- Be expected to participate in all scheduled studio meetings (online or in person) with Program Co-ordinator and studio peers.
- Collaborate with City of Gold Coast to promote, document and potentially contribute to a public outcome such as workshop, open studio, exhibition, or artist talk.
- Adherence to City of Gold Coast's policies and procedures.
- Take part in professional development sessions (optional) organised by Arts and Culture team during placement.
- Complete an evaluation and provide feedback upon completion of the placement.

### **Other considerations**

- Some art forms may not be able to be accommodated due to venue usage limitations, and workplace health and safety restrictions.
- Studios cannot be used for industrial or semi-industrial creative process.

### **Who should apply?**

The program is open to:

- Gold Coast creative businesses, arts companies
- Individual creative practitioners,
- Groups, collectives and Artist Run initiatives (ARI).

There are no restrictions on age, career stage experience or past involvement in the program (previous participants can apply, however, preference to new creative applicants).

Applicants must be living on the Gold Coast and preference will be given to first time applicants.

Art forms may include, but not limited to:

- visual arts, drawing and illustration
- painting and printmaking
- sculpture and installation
- design, digital and multimedia works
- photography and cross disciplinary works
- physical theatre and dance
- curators
- writers

### **Applications**

To be considered for the GC creative spaces program, applicants must meet eligibility requirements, with applications submitted through the online SmartyGrants platform by closing date.

### **Eligibility**

- Must be a Gold Coast resident
- Commit to 5 months studio use
- Commit to attending all studio catch up meetings

## Selection Criteria

Final selections will be made balancing a mix of art forms, career stage and studio experience within the facility, to encourage diversity and a vibrant creative community encouraging dialogue, exchange, and innovation.

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

- Commit to the development of their creative practice
- Quality of work or projects and originality of ideas. Outlined in your CV, support documentation and creative related referee
- Propose use of the studio space for the development of their arts practice, including anticipated benefits to their creative practice.
- Maximise the studio use for the development of their creative practice

## How to apply

Complete an online application via SmartyGrants.

Applicants must:

- Address the selection criteria
- Attach a CV (no more than two pages)
- include relevant support material, good quality images of recent your works and/or weblink to website, Instagram and/or showreel etc. (Include image title and descriptions if applicable)

Applications close by **9pm, Tuesday 10 January 2023.**

## Key dates

Applications open	Tuesday 29 November 2022
Application close	Tuesday 10 January 2023 (9pm)
Interview and selection	Monday 23 January 2023
Residency commences	Monday 13 Feb 2023
End of residency	Friday 30 June 2023

## All enquires or more information

If you would like more information, please email [cultural@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:cultural@goldcoast.qld.gov.au)