

Level Up Studio Residency at Mint Art House - Application Guidelines

The Level Up Studio Residency at Mint Art House initiative embeds early career visual artists within Mint Art House studios at Burleigh Heads.



Photo of studio residency artists, top left to right: Em Fennell, Sam Haven, Sarah Carr and Brodie Bricks

The City of Gold Coast's Level Up program has been supporting the development of young visual artists in the early stages of their practice since 2017 with opportunities to grow their arts practice through residency program, studio spaces, exhibitions, art workshops and activations.

Level Up and Mint Art House have joined forces to provide a residency initiative which provides artists with studio space to develop new work as well as connection to a community of artists that make up the dynamic Mint Art House. This is a collaborative studio, made up of 13 artists ranging in disciplines from painting, ceramics, sculpture to urban art.

We are seeking interest from:

- Early career Gold Coast artists in need of studio space to develop a new body of work and grow their practice.
- Artists who are self-motivated and serious about taking their arts practice to the next level.
- Individuals keen to participate and contribute to the Mint Art House community of artists and local cultural activities.

The Opportunity

The Level Up Studio Residency at Mint Art House is offering two (2) early career Gold Coast artists with a 4-month studio placement to develop new works, build their arts practice and connect with studio peers.

This self-led studio program provides artists with independent access to a studio space within Mint Art House Collective, suitable for a range of creative making possibilities.

The Residency Studio program supports early career artists with:

- A co-working studio space for 4-months. Rent and program expenses to the value of \$2,500 paid for by the City of Gold Coast
- Access to a group of artists at Mint Art House as well as the wider community of artists from the studio program
- Professional development opportunities may be offered during the studio placement.

Studio dates

Studio placements will be for a 4-month period from 27 November 2023 to 1 April 2024.

Who should apply?

The Residency program is open to early career visual artists, 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

Mint Art House Collective Studio spaces

Two (2) studios are available per residency intake, spaces are compact co-working studios in an open plan layout amongst a studio community made up of a total of 13 artists.

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

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 to ensure the studio can accommodate your arts practice. For questions, please contact the Level Up programs officer prior to application on levelup@goldcoast.qld.gov.au or phone 07 5581 6691.

What is provided

- Independent access to co-working studio space, generally from 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week
- Access to kitchen and bathroom amenities
- Limited onsite parking
- WIFI access
- Connection to the Mint Art House community of artists, including access to workshops, events and exhibitions
- Opportunity to host a workshop or exhibition during your residency
- Professional development and networking opportunities through Level Up and the Arts and Culture unit

Studio expectations and Studio agreement

The Level Up Studio Residency at Mint Art House is a self-led studio program whereby artists have independent access to a subsidised studio space to grow and support their own creative practice.

- Successful artists will be issued a Letter of Offer and a Studio Agreement which outlines the conditions of offer for the studio residency.
- Artists are required to be available for the agreed 4-month period of the studio residency. A minimum of three full days per week of studio time (Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm), 21 hours per week. Failure to use the studio will lead to forfeit of space.
- Preference will be given to artists that have proposed projects to maximise the studio usage and intend to make the most of the opportunities that the Mint Art House experience provides.

- Artists are required to attend all studio residency catch up meetings (as arranged by the Level Up programs officer) throughout the duration of the studio residency period.
- Artists are required to have their own Public Liability insurance with cover to the value of 10 million. This will need to be organised prior to commencement.
- 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 Mint Art House induction instructions and procedures relevant to the studio venue.
- Artists will be responsible for any damage caused to the studio building or equipment (beyond normal wear and tear).
- Artists are expected to work collaboratively with City of Gold Coast to promote, document and contribute to the studio program including attending studio meetings (online or in person).
- Artists may also participate in professional development sessions (optional) organised by the Arts and Culture team during the studio placement.
- Complete feedback upon completion of the studio placement.

Applications

To be considered for the Level Up Art Studio Residency at Mint Art House program, applicants must meet eligibility requirements and submit an online application through the SmartyGrants platform by closing date.

Eligibility

- Must be a Gold Coast resident
- Must be an early career* visual artist
- Commit to the 4-month studio placement
- Commit to attending all studio residency catch up meetings

**Early career artist as defined by National Association for Visual Arts (NAVA), is beyond a hobby artist, is an arts graduate or similar, and is actively committed to their professional arts practice.*

Selection criteria

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

- Meet the eligibility criteria of an early career artist
- Demonstrate commitment to the development of their arts practice outlined in their artist CV, support documentation, supported by an art related referee.
- Propose the appropriate use of the studio space for the development of their arts practice and outline the anticipated benefits to their arts practice.
- Connect with other artists and industry by contributing to the program and attend professional development opportunities.

How to apply

- Complete an online application via SmartyGrants, including support material
- Artist CV (no more than four pages)

- Good quality images of your recent works and/or weblink to website, Instagram and/or showreel etc. (Include image title and descriptions if applicable)

Applications close by midnight, **Monday 13 November 2023.**

Key dates

Applications open	Monday 16 October 2023
Application close	Monday 13 November 2023
Interviews	Wednesday 15 November 2023
Confirmation	Tuesday 20 November 2023
Studio program commences	Monday 27 November 2023
End of studio program	Monday 1 April 2024

All enquires

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Attachment A - Studio Spaces A & B

Details of studio spaces outlined below. Please note that studios may not suit all art making possibilities and ensure to read details.

Studio Spaces		Details
<p>Studios - Mint House Arts, Burleigh Heads</p> <p>Studio A – 5.7m²</p> <p>Studio B – 5.6m²</p> <p>*Compact flexible spaces</p>	 <p>Studio A</p>	<p>Open studio with 13 artists</p> <p>Concrete flooring</p> <p>Flexible access</p> <p>WIFI access</p> <p>Power outlet</p> <p>Water access outside</p> <p>Access to kitchenette facilities</p> <p>24/7 access</p>



Studio B