

## Level Up Studio Residency at Mint Art House - Application Guidelines

The Level Up Studio Residency at Mint Art House initiative embeds young early career visual artists within Mint Art House art space 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. Programs include the Level Up residency program, studios, exhibitions, professional development workshops and creative activations.

In this studio initiative Level Up and Mint Art House have joined forces to deliver a studio residency that provides artists with studio space to create new work and connection to the Mint Art House community of artists. Mint Art House is a co-working studio home to 13 artists from a range of disciplines from painting, ceramics, sculpture to urban art.

We are seeking interest from:

- Early career Gold Coast artists 18 to 30 years in need of a studio to develop new works and grow their arts 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) young early career Gold Coast artists with a 5-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 Studio Residency program supports young early career artists with:

- A subsidised co-working studio space for 5-months. Rent and program expenses to the value of \$3,740 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 5-month period from 1 May to 30 September 2024.

## 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, see **Attachment A**.

Art forms that can be accommodated at the studio 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 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](mailto:levelup@goldcoast.qld.gov.au) or phone 07 5581 6691.

### What is provided

- Independent access to co-working studio space, 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, exhibition and events
- Opportunity to host a workshop or exhibition during residency placement
- Professional development and networking opportunities through Level Up and the Arts and Culture unit

### Studio expectations and Studio agreement

The Level Up Studio Residency is a self-led studio program to support artists with independent access to studio to grow their 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 5-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 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.

## Eligibility

Applicants need to be:

- Early career\* visual artist aged between 18 to 30 years
- Gold Coast resident
- Australian Citizen or Permanent resident
- Available to commit to a 5-month studio placement
- Available to attend scheduled 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.*

\*Previous recipients of the Mint Art House Residency are not eligible to apply.

## Selection criteria

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

- Meet the eligibility criteria of an early career artist 18 to 30 years.
- Demonstrate commitment to develop arts practice outlined in the artist CV, support documentation and art referee.
- Proposed use of the studio space and anticipated benefits to arts practice.
- Interest to connect with artists and industry by contributing to the program and attend professional development opportunities.

## How to apply

- Complete application through 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)

Applications close by midnight, **Wednesday 3 April 2024**.

### **Key dates**

Application close	Wednesday 3 April 2024
Interviews	Wednesday 10 April 2024
Confirmation	Friday 19 April 2024
Studio program commences	Wednesday 1 May 2024
End of studio program	Monday 30 September 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><b>Studios - Mint House Arts, Burleigh Heads</b></p> <p>Studio A – 5.7m<sup>2</sup></p> <p>Studio B – 5.6m<sup>2</sup></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