

2021

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Benchspace Designer in Residence - 2021

Benchspace invites applications from established and emerging creative professionals and artists, working in all materials including wood. The current Designer in Residence Programme combines workshops and public talks, collaborative creative work and mentoring, of which the delivery is adaptable in light of social restrictions. Applications are also welcomed from academic staff of noted programs in any discipline seeking a period of return to a studio environment. The Programme offers participants the latitude and creative environment to explore new bodies of work or methodologies.

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The Designer in Residence Programme is designed to bring established and upcoming designer makers or artists to Cork, Ireland, to showcase their work to a local audience and to contribute fresh perspectives to the Resident Makers at Benchspace.

The Programme will afford the successful candidate the opportunity to create a new body of work or facilitate the exploration of innovative methodologies. It is hoped that it will also provide an in-depth opportunity for Benchspace makers and the

wider community to learn from the Designer in Residence during workshops, lectures, and special programs.

The resident will arrive during Cork Craft Month, mid-August 2021, with a presentation of their body of work to the public. There will also be an opportunity to share the ongoing work with a wider audience on Cork Culture Night at the end of September. Finally the residency will culminate in the completed work being displayed in an associated Gallery space.

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Benchspace

Benchspace is Ireland's first, shared, community-based, creative manufacturing facility. Our 4,500 sqft space in Cork City is equipped with multidisciplinary workshops, digital design and fabrication facilities, and modular open-plan studios.

Our mission is to provide artists and aspiring creative professionals with the resources and community they need to start new ventures, build sustainable livelihoods and grow towards financial freedom through artistic and creative enterprise.

Benchspace actively encourages collaboration and co-working to stimulate creativity and innovation in the areas of craft and design, particularly acting as an incubator in the creative economy. The resident will have their own dedicated studio space with storage in a shared creative environment.

Details



2018 Designer in Residence
Avian Evans White



2019 Designer in Residence
Adrien Segal



2020 Designer in Residence
Élise Rousselot

Benefits

- €3500 expenses to cover travel and accommodation.
- Access to the Benchspace studio & workshops 24/7 with allowances made for classes.
- Interaction with other makers in a creative environment.
- Locally sourced materials will be provided for a significant project. (Maximum: €500).

Expectations

- Commitment to be present for a minimum of 30 hours per week in the workshop for a period of two months.
- Sharing of progression through Benchspace Social Media channels.
- Creation of a new body of work or methodology to be publicly exhibited.
- Delivery of public lectures & demonstrations.
- Provide mentoring, collaboration, and knowledge to Benchspace makers.
- Residents are also invited to give a series of classes on an agreed topic. An honorarium for classes would be in addition to the award.

- It is recommended that the resident prepare and work on a piece while on the residency and that piece remains as part of the Benchspace permanent collection for exhibition and promotion of design and craft in Cork.

Qualifications

- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrate a level of creative achievement.
- Self-motivated, ability to work independently, and critical thinker.
- Proficient in the safe use of woodworking machinery and experienced in a workshop setting (if applicable).

Further Information

The expected duration of the Residency is 2 months, commencing in mid-August 2021. Selection criteria will include quality of current portfolio, potential for artistic and professional growth, technical skill, and ability to communicate and collaborate in a studio environment. Cork Craft Month is held in August and celebrates the diversity of craft available in Cork City and County. There is a full and exciting programme of exhibitions, open studios, free demonstrations, and workshops throughout the county.



Applications

Applicants for the Benchspace Designer in Residence - 2021 should submit the following:

- One-page Letter of Intent outlining artistic direction of work, interpersonal skills, and proposal for work to be carried out during residency.
- Current CV.
- Portfolio – minimum 5 unique pieces of work.
- References – Two professional references. Preferably one academic and one from within the applicant's discipline.
- Indication of available dates in August 2021 to participate in residency.

Applications will be acknowledged on receipt. A Selection Committee of the Benchspace Board will review submissions. Successful applicants will be notified via email upon the Selection Committee's decision. If the residency offer is accepted, the artist will be required to sign a residency contract.

Submit To

Submit your application in PDF format to:

maeve@benchspacecork.ie

Closing Date

The closing date for applications is
5th May 2021.



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