



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí
Cork County Council



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Bursary 2022

at
benchspace



Sara Leslie - Dearcan Bursary 2021

1 Year

Studio & Equipment

€10,000

Expenses Stipend

€500

Materials Budget

Cork County Council Arts Service and South Cork Local Enterprise Office, in conjunction with benchspace, are pleased to invite applications for the third annual Dearcán Bursary.

The Dearcán Bursary was established to provide artists, craftspeople and product designers living in Cork County with the opportunity to research, reflect and engage with their practice in all of its creative and commercial aspects.

This award will allow the successful candidate to take a significant step forward in their creative career, by supporting a twelve month period at the benchspace workshops in Cork City. This includes studio/workshop fees, an expenses stipend and budget towards locally sourced materials.

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The Dearcán Bursary will provide the successful candidate with

Studio space and professional manufacturing equipment.

You will have your own studio space for twelve months at benchspace's creative manufacturing hub in Cork City. There, you will be part of a supportive creative community with opportunities to collaborate with other makers, whether it's just a helping hand, a sounding board or partnering on projects.

During your time here, you will have full access to benchspace's professional manufacturing equipment (Woodwork, Fine Metalwork) and digital fabrication facilities. benchspace will also provide creative skills training and the opportunity for you to offer courses and workshops to the public as part of benchspace's education program.

A startup budget for materials.

The award includes a materials budget of €500 towards the purchase of locally sourced materials for use in your work

A personal stipend.

You will also receive a stipend of €10,000 towards expenses while you develop your creative practice.

Mentoring & business skills.

We will help you find a creative mentor to advise on professional practice, network and profile building, branding, costing, promotion and strategies to develop a sustainable creative practice. Your work will also be promoted through exhibition events, retail opportunities, workshops and benchspace's marketing activities.

The Dearcán Bursary is open to applications from:

Practicing artists, craftspeople and product designers in all disciplines who are currently living in the Cork County administrative area.

Applicants should have significant experience and/or potential in their chosen field & must be able to demonstrate their ambition in how the Dearcán Bursary placement will benefit their professional practice.

Applicants must be over 18 years.

The successful candidate will be required to:

Submit a personal development plan with a long term measurable goal to be achieved during the placement and interim milestones by which progress can be gauged.

Provide a commitment to engage with, and contribute to the shared workshop ethos of benchspace.

Participate in career development with mentors and advisors.

Applications

Submit applications to maeve@benchspacecork.ie accompanied by:

- A detailed CV.
- A clear statement of expected accomplishments over the 12 months of Dearcán Bursary support, and how these would be measured.
- Images of recent work, with a short description
- Links to professional social media accounts.
- References or other forms of support from established figures.
- Any other relevant information e.g. equipment, business, or training needs.

Applications close at **5pm on Friday 25th February 2022.**

For informal enquiries please contact maeve@benchspacecork.ie

Referees may be contacted at the discretion of the award committee.

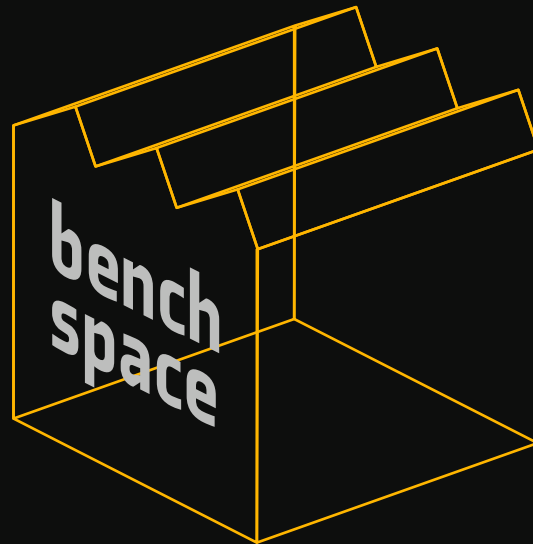


About benchspace

benchspace was established in 2017 to provide the next generation of makers, product designers and creative professionals with an enterprise-focused manufacturing facility in the City of Cork. A space where anyone with a passion for product design, or a talent for making can access the equipment, space and resources they need to commercialise their abilities, grow new enterprise, and bring product-based businesses to life.

We support these new enterprises with affordable access to shared manufacturing equipment, digital fabrication facilities, and flexible studio space that can grow with their needs. We also provide training in the creative and business skills necessary to unlock new capabilities and build a rewarding creative career.

benchspace members are part of a multi-disciplinary community of creative professionals, where makers can experiment and collaborate across disciplines. In the years since our doors have opened, many of our resident startups have graduated from our space or received national recognition.



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