



designer residence in 2023



Benchspace Designer in Residence 2023

benchspace invites applications from established creative professionals for the 2023 Designer in Residence. Applications are also welcomed from academic staff of creative programs in any discipline seeking a period of return to a professional workshop environment.

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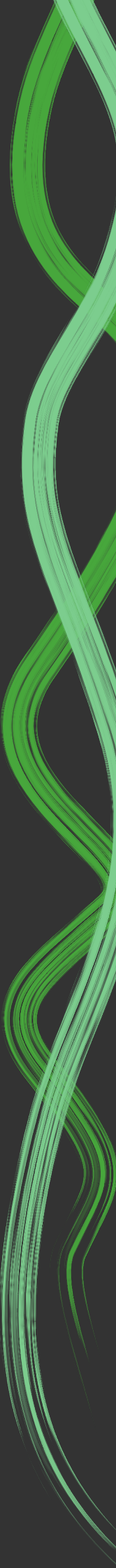
The Designer in Residence Programme brings established designers & makers from outside of the County of Cork, Ireland to showcase their work and contribute fresh perspectives to the professional makers at benchspace.

The residency programme will afford the successful candidate the opportunity to create a new body of work or facilitate the exploration of innovative methodologies. It also provides an in-depth opportunity for local professional makers and the wider community to learn from the Designer in Residence

during workshops, lectures, and collaborations.

The 4 week residency will take place across August and September of 2023, during which the resident will have opportunities to present their work to the public.

The residency also includes full access to benchspace's professional workshops and a dedicated studio workspace.



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We are Ireland's first open access factory, offering industry grade tools, technology and business support for professional makers & creative start-ups.

Based in the docklands of Cork City, our 5,100 sqft manufacturing facility is equipped with multidisciplinary workshops, digital design and fabrication facilities, and flexible studio workspaces. An ecosystem where professional designers and makers can thrive within a collaborative and supportive space.

We're here for anyone who makes a living through designing, crafting, fabricating, making or machining.

We're here to make creative livelihoods possible.

benchspace is a not for profit, social enterprise, established by makers for makers. It has a voluntary board, a management team and any surplus from its activities are reinvested for the growth and improvement of its services to makers.

Details



Adrien Segal
2019 Designer in Residence



Élise Rousselot
2020 Designer in Residence



Eve Doyle
2021 Designer in Residence



Elaine Gorasia
2022 Designer in Residence

Benefits

- €2,000 expenses to cover travel and accommodation.
- Access & inductions to benchspace's professional workshops (wood, fine-metal, digital fabrication, product photography & digital design).
- Your own studio workspace.
- Interaction with other professional makers and creative businesses.
- €200 budget for materials.

Expectations

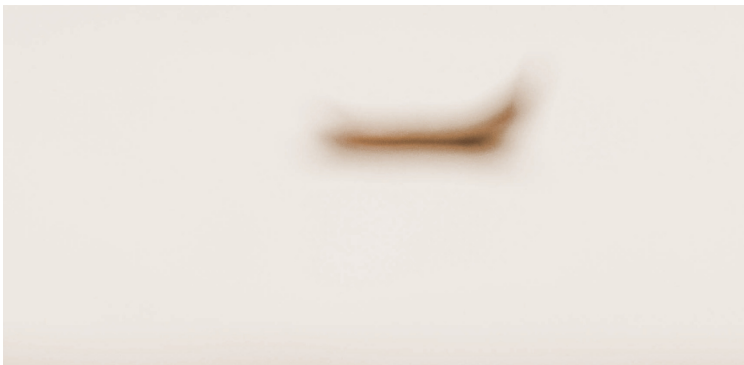
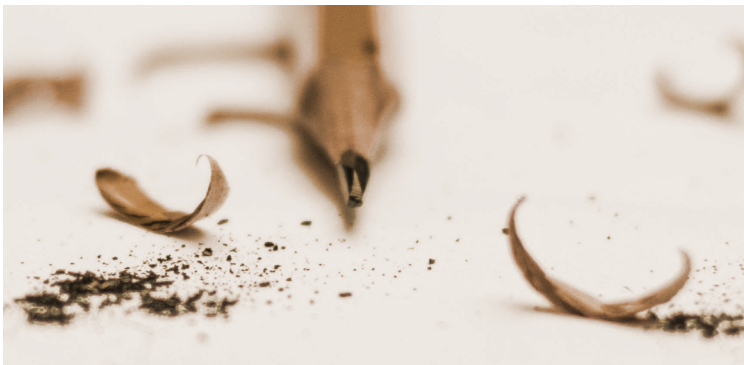
- Commitment to be present for a minimum of 30 hours per week in the workshop for a period of 4 weeks.
- Engage in collaboration, and peer knowledge sharing with makers at benchspace.
- 1 x Public engagement event
- Sharing of progression through social media channels.
- Progression of a new body of work or methodology.

Qualifications

- Demonstrate a high level of professional creative achievement.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Self-motivated, ability to work independently, and critical thinker.
- Be living outside of County Cork.
- Previous experience and proficiency in equipment to be availed of.

Further Information

The expected duration of the Residency is 4 weeks, commencing in August 2023. Selection criteria will include quality of current portfolio, potential for professional growth, technical skill, and ability to communicate and collaborate in a shared workshop environment.



Applications

Applicants for the Benchspace Designer in Residence - 2023 should submit the following:

- **Letter of Intent** (one-page) outlining artistic direction of work, interpersonal skills, and proposal for work to be carried out during residency.
- **Current CV and Bio.**
- **Images** – minimum 5 unique pieces of work.
- **Professional Letters of Support** – Preferably two from within the applicant's discipline.
- Indication of available dates in August / September 2023 to participate in residency.

Applications will be acknowledged on receipt. A Selection Committee will review submissions. Successful applicants will be notified via email upon the Selection Committee's decision.

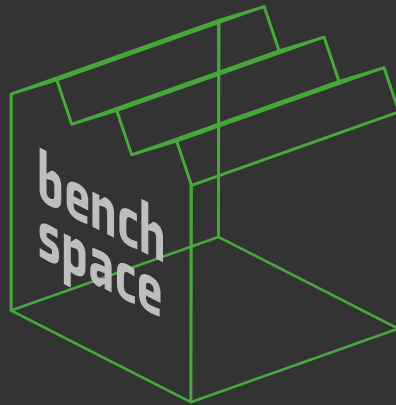
Submit To

Submit your application in PDF format to Jamie:
programmes@benchspacecork.ie

Closing Date

The closing date for applications is
2nd July 2023.

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