



# designer residence in 2024



# benchspace Designer in Residence 2024

**benchspace** invites applications from established creative professionals for the 2024 Designer in Residence.

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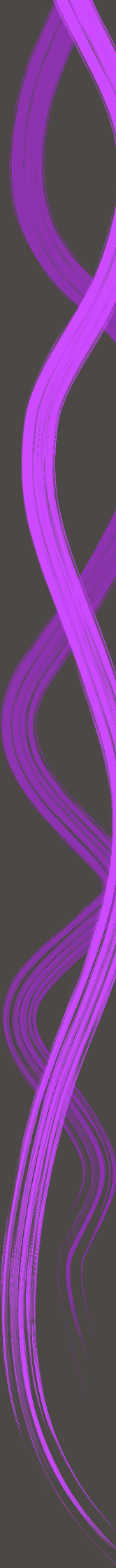
The Designer in Residence Programme brings established creative professionals from outside of the County of Cork, Ireland, to showcase their work and contribute fresh perspectives to the professional members at **benchspace**.

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

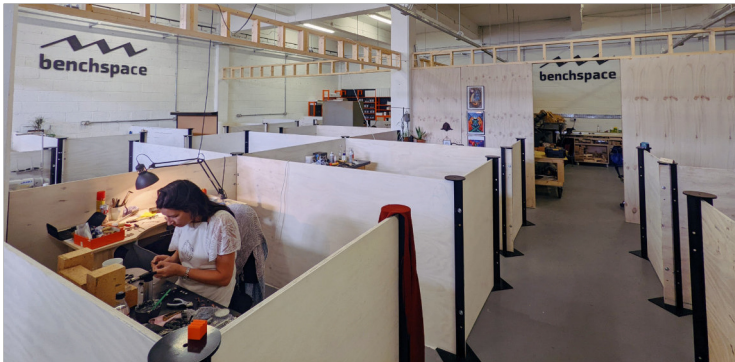
during workshops, lectures, and collaborations.

The 4 week residency will take place to coincide with Irish Design Week 2024, 11-15 November 2024, during which the resident will 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 creative hub, offering industry grade equipment, technology and business support for professional makers & creative start-ups.

Based in the docklands of Cork City, our 5,100 sqft multidisciplinary manufacturing workshops are equipped with 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 private profit, social enterprise, established by makers for makers. It has a voluntary board, a management team and any surplus from its activities is reinvested for the growth and improvement of our services for our makers.



Adrien Segal  
2019 Designer in Residence



Élise Rousselot  
2020 Designer in Residence



Eve Doyle  
2021 Designer in Residence



Elaine Gorasia  
2022 Designer in Residence



Molly Ashton  
2023 Designer in Residence

## Details

### What's Included

- €2,400 bursary to cover travel and accommodation.
- Access to **benchspace's** professional workshops (wood, fine-metal, digital fabrication, product photography & digital design).
- **benchspace** equipment inductions.
- Your own studio workspace.
- Interaction with other professional makers and creative businesses.
- €200 stipend for materials.

### Expectations

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

### Qualifications

- Demonstrated professional creative achievements.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Self-motivated, ability to work independently, and a critical thinker.
- Must live outside Cork County, international applicants are welcome.
- Proficiency in some, if not all, benchspace equipment.

<https://benchspacecork.ie/workshops/>





## Applications

Applicants for the **benchspace** Designer in Residence - 2024 should submit the following:

- **Residency Proposal** (one page) out-lining intended direction of work + proposed public engagement piece.
- **Current CV and Bio.**
- **Images** – minimum 5 unique pieces of work.
- **Professional Letters of Support** – Preferably one from within the applicant's discipline.
- **Indication of Available Dates** to participate in residency in conjunction with Irish Design Week 2024, 11-15 November 2024.

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.

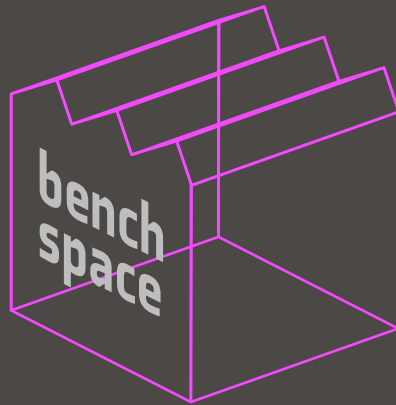
### Submit To

Submit your application in PDF format to Hilda:  
[hilda@benchspacecork.ie](mailto:hilda@benchspacecork.ie)

### Closing Date

The closing date for applications is  
21st June 2024.

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