



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí
Cork County Council



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Bursary 2024

at
benchspace



1 Year
Studio & Equipment

€10,000
Expenses Stipend

Cork County Council Arts Service and South Cork Local Enterprise Office, in conjunction with **benchspace**, are pleased to invite applications for the fourth 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 **benchspace** in Cork City. It provides the recipient with a personal stipend and a dedicated studio space.

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The Dearcán Bursary will provide the successful candidate with:

Studio Space and Professional Manufacturing Equipment.

You will be provided with dedicated studio space for twelve months at **benchspace**'s creative 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, based on your discipline, you will have full access to **benchspace**'s professional manufacturing equipment and digital fabrication facilities.

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 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 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 in their chosen field & must be able to demonstrate their ambition in how the Dearcán Bursary will benefit their creative career.

Applicants must be over 18 years.

Applications

Submit applications to hilda@benchspacecork.ie accompanied by:

- A detailed CV.
- A clear statement of expected accomplishments over the 12 months of Dearcán Bursary support.
- Images of recent work, with a short description
- Links to professional social media accounts.
- Professional letter of support - Preferably one within the applicant's discipline.
- Any other relevant information e.g. equipment, business, or training needs.

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

Applications close at 5pm on Friday, 17th May 2024.

Information

An online information session will be hosted at 12:30pm on Tuesday, 7th May 2024.

To register for this session please email: hilda@benchspacecork.ie



About benchspace

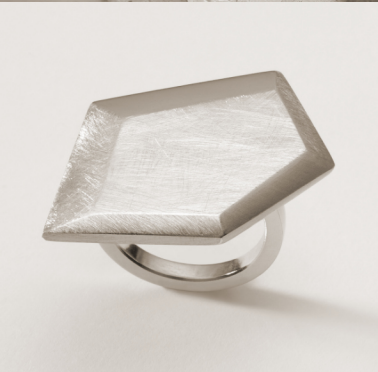
benchspace was established in 2017 to provide the next generation of makers, product designers and creative professionals with an enterprise-focused manufacturing facility in the City of Cork. A space where anyone with a passion for product design, or a talent for making can access the equipment, space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



benchspace has established a shared multidisciplinary workspace where creative startups can work, prototype, showcase, collaborate and make.

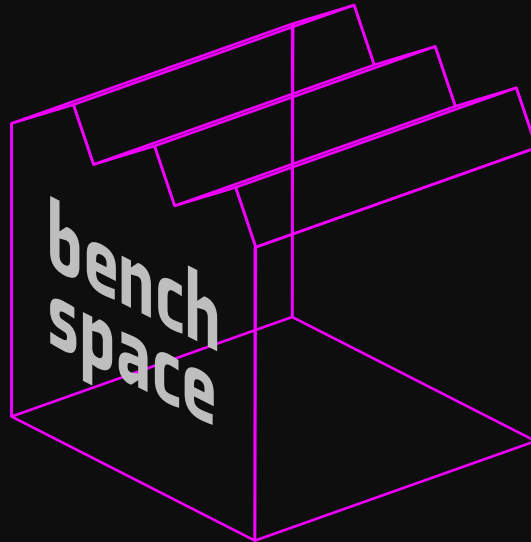


We support these new enterprises with subsidised access to shared manufacturing equipment, digital fabrication facilities, and flexible studio space that can grow with their needs. We also provide training in the creative and business skills necessary to unlock new capabilities and build a rewarding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





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