

Waverley Artist Studios 2025

Waverley Artist Studios is based at the School of Arts, 138 Bondi Road, Bondi.

Waverley Council facilitates five rent-free, non-residential artist studios in twelve month, allotments. During the residency artists are provided with professional development opportunities to work with Waverley Council and the community. Applicants should read the guidelines carefully before completing the Waverley Artist Studios Application Form.

INFORMATION

FOR APPLICANTS ELIGIBILITY

Waverley's Artist Studio Program is open to visual artists across all media. Applicants must have an active ABN number, be Australian citizens or permanent residents and aged 18 years or older. Artists from CALD or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Waverley Council Councilor's, and their families are ineligible to apply to the studio program.

SELECTION PROCESS

A panel assesses all applications in order to create a preliminary shortlist with consideration given to:

- **Artistic merit**, as demonstrated in previous work including exhibition credits
- **Value of the residency** to the applicant's professional development
- **Potential of the artist's residency** to engage with the local community through **demonstrated connection to the local community** and or Council's programs
- **The overall quality of the application** and support material

A peer assessment panel of current studio artists will grade all applications against a set-criteria. Council Officers will prepare a report

for the Waverley Arts Culture and Creativity Advisory Committee who will recommend a shortlist of artists for approval at Council meeting. If two or more preferred artists are scored of equal merit, preference will be given to artists who are current residents of Waverley LGA or display the strongest connection to the Waverley LGA.

FUNDING

Studio artists are expected to fund the costs of their own work. Waverley Council may provide studio artists with paid professional development opportunities where possible. Applicants are encouraged to apply for grants through organisations such as NAVA, createNSW and the Creative Australia. Waverley Council provides letters of support to residents applying for grants to assist with the residency. Applicants with demonstrable or confirmed funding sources through grants or partnerships should be explicit to state this in their application.

RESIDENCY DURATION

The duration of the Studio term is twelve months; March 2025 – February 2026. Previous residents can reapply to the program after a year out of the studios and will be graded against the same criteria as other applicants. Previous residents are welcome to apply biannually from their previous time in the studios.

COLLABORATIVE RESIDENCY

Each successful applicant will be allocated a studio based on the suitability of their practice to the space. Artists are expected to share the common areas (kitchen, bathroom, storage, garden). Participating artists are expected to respect the privacy and equipment of co-residents. Waverley Council encourages artists working collaboratively to apply to the program.

STUDIO PREPARATION, INSURANCES AND TRANSPORT

The resident artist is responsible for any preparation required to commence the residency and all furniture, equipment, materials and supplies they will require throughout the residency.

It is the responsibility of the resident artist to make their own accommodation arrangements and insurances including contents, medical and public liability. All studio artists are required to have a current NSW Working With Children's Check.

NON-RESIDENTIAL UNFURNISHED STUDIOS

The studios provided under this program are non-residential, unfurnished spaces. Artists participating in the program cannot reside or live in the studios.

PUBLICITY AND MEDIA

The resident artist is required to participate in publicity activities related to the residency. Artists are required to provide digital images, give interviews or talks at forums and other events to promote the program. Artworks or projects arising from the program should be credited accordingly.

RESIDENCY AGREEMENT

Prior to the commencement of the residency, artists and Waverley Council will enter into a contractual agreement.

APPLICATION

Interested artists should complete the Application Form and submit with support material by the advertised closing date. Applications will be accepted year-round through the online application system should you encounter any issues with the online system please email your application to visualarts@waverley.nsw.gov.au