

Main Street Studios Residency Program

Guidelines

Our Main Street Studios Residency program supports artistic development for artists at any stage of their career. Blacktown Arts are proud to offer multiple studio spaces in the centre of Blacktown CBD.

Artists from a range of artforms are encouraged to apply, including digital media, painting, drawing, photography, filmmaking, music, writing, research and more.

About our studios

Our Main Street studios are:

- Situated in Blacktown
- Within walking distance of the train and bus stations and car parks
- Accessible between 6 am and 10 pm daily, including weekends
- Located on Level 1 of a Council building accessible by stairs, with access to electricity, windows, a small common kitchenette area and bathroom facilities.
- Located in a shared building with other artists and commercial tenants
- Close to a range of Main Street businesses – retailers, food and beverage outlets

The studios are non-residential with a refundable security deposit of \$200.

The studios will be inspected by Blacktown Arts staff at the end of the residency period and the security deposit will be returned upon satisfactory conditions and return of studio keys. Terms of use will be stated in the agreement.

Due to studio facilities some artforms may not be suited to the space.

Please note there are limited studio spaces available.

Program details

Key dates

Applications Open	Monday 28 April 2025
Applications Close	Sunday 11 May 2025
Residency period	June to December 2025

Support

Success artists will be supported throughout the residency period. They'll be able to connect with Blacktown Arts staff and networks. They'll also get the opportunity to share their practice through Blacktown Arts media and communications.

Eligibility

- Artists must be 18 years of age or older, at any stage of their artistic development.

If successful, artists must obtain personal/professional accident/injury insurance and public liability insurance of \$20 million.

Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed by Blacktown Arts staff, who will consider the following criteria:

- Originality and creativity of the artists existing practice
- How the residency will benefit the professional development of the artist

Preference will be given to artists who live in Blacktown and western Sydney.

Application

We accept video applications from those who may not be able to contextualise their practice in writing.

Applications to be submitted via the Blacktown Arts website:

<https://blacktownarts.com.au/im-an-artist/main-street-studios/>

Need some assistance?

If you have questions or require assistance with your application, contact Blacktown Arts via email blacktownarts@blacktown.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 9839 6558, Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.