POSTGRADUATE RESIDENCY 2023/2024

WHAT IS THE RESIDENCY?

The Postgraduate Residency is an open submission six-month residency at South London Gallery (SLG) and touring exhibition between SLG and Bonington Gallery at Nottingham Trent University. The residency enables the production of a new body of work and a rare opportunity for an early-career artist to exhibit their work at the South London Gallery and Bonington Gallery. The residency is open to artists who have completed a period of self-directed, peer-led or postgraduate study between October 2022 and September 2023. This can include alternative, peer organised and non-accredited programmes from an institution, collective or art school in the UK, as well as an MA, MFA, PGDip, MRes.

Between October 2023 - March 2024, the recipient will receive the following:

- studio space in the SLG Fire Station;
- a £4,500 housing bursary to cover accommodation in London;
- a £5,000 artists fee and a £4,000 production budget to produce new work;
- mentoring sessions and studio visits from SLG staff, including the Director, Bonington Gallery staff, and other arts professionals;
- the opportunity to present a public event at SLG in response to their practice;
- a solo exhibition opening March 2024 in one of the SLG Fire Station galleries.
- the exhibition will tour to Bonington Gallery in January 2025, with potential for associated event(s) and partnerships with university researchers & staff.

The residency and exhibition at the South London Gallery and Bonington Gallery is generously supported by the Paul and Louise Cooke Endowment.

CRITERIA

- To be eligible for the residency applicants must:
- have completed an undergraduate degree (anytime before 2022) and have undertaken a postgraduate period of study between October 2022 and September 2023, including MA, MFA, PGDip, MRes, alternative, peer organised and non-accredited programmes, in an arts discipline from a UK institution, collective or art school, including Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales;
- not be enrolled in full or part-time education for an undergraduate, postgraduate or equivalent programme;
- be a UK resident or EU resident with settled or pre-settled status, or hold a Graduate Route visa with the right to stay in the UK for the entire duration of the residency.

We are particularly interested in receiving applications from those based outside of London. Support for travel (within the UK) will be offered to those invited to interview.

TO APPLY

To apply, please download an Applicant Details Form and an Application Form on the right and submit both forms here:

https://hr.breathehr.com/v/postgraduate-residency-30258

Please also complete the online equal opportunities monitoring form here:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DN6LD8M

The equal opportunities form is anonymous and separate to your application.

All applications should be submitted by **Monday 17 July 2023 at 12 midday**. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

There will be open information sessions about the residency held on Zoom on **Wednesday 12 July at 1pm.** Please email lily@southlondongallery.org to register attendance.

If you have questions about the opportunity please email lily@southlondongallery.org

Applications should include:

- a completed Applicant Details Form
- a completed Application Form (please note that the total content of the Application Form, including images, must not exceed 9.5MB);
- five images, video links or audio clips of recent work (you may send multiple images of one work).
- a completed Equal Opportunities Form, this form is optional but very valuable for the gallery's ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

Interviews will take place on **Monday 28 August** and if required, support for travel can be provided. We regret we are unable to respond to all applicants, if you have not heard anything by the interview date you should assume your application has been unsuccessful.

FAQs

About the SLG

The SLG is based between Peckham and Camberwell in south London. It was established in the 19th century and today is one of the capital's leading contemporary visual art institutions. Peckham and Camberwell are residential areas of the borough of Southwark.

The gallery is based across three sites:

1. The main building includes a book shop, gallery space, event space, cafe, and the Orozco Garden.
2. The Fire Station includes four gallery spaces, the artist's studio and a kitchen event space.
3. Art Block is a play space for children on Sceaux Gardens Estate. The SLG works closely with residents of Sceaux Gardens, Pelican and Elmington housing estates through the long term project Open Plan.

About Bonington Gallery

Bonington Gallery was founded in 1969 as part of the new School of Art & Design at Nottingham Trent University. The core focus of the Gallery is visual art and the university setting drives an artistic programme which brings together a range of art, cultural and research practices.

As well as its main 180m2 exhibition space, there is a programme of archival projects presented in the foyer and a prolific events programme, including *Formations* which is run in partnership with colleagues in the Postcolonial Studies Centre at NTU.

Who manages the residency?

The South London Gallery runs the residency and it is managed by the Exhibitions and Events Curator. The recipient of the residency will work closely with the Exhibitions and Events Curator who supports the development of the work and

helps produce the exhibition and event. When the exhibition tours to Bonington Gallery the installation will be managed by the Director and Deputy Curator, including any additional engagements associated with the tour.

Who are the Paul and Louise Cooke Endowment?

The endowment is a registered charity that supports the advancement of; scientific education and research of forestry/ornithology, education in arts; and advancement of environmental projects.

Is the residency full-time?

We do not expect the artist(s) in residence to fulfill this opportunity on a full-time basis and part-time work is encouraged as the artists fee will not cover all living costs.

What does the Housing Bursary offer and how can it be used?

The Housing Bursary is intended to cover the costs of rent or mortgage, council tax and bills for 6 months in London from 2 October 2023 – 1 April 2024. In previous years, instead of receiving the housing bursary, the resident was hosted by the SLG in a residency flat.

Do I have to live in London during the residency from 2 October 2023 – 1 April 2024?

To make the most of the resources available at South London Gallery we encourage the resident to live in London during the duration of the residency. We understand that responsibilities can make it difficult to relocate and encourage you to include this in your application under section 3 'About your Circumstances'.

What does the Studio offer and how can it be used?

The artist(s) studio will be available for the duration of the residency, 2 October 2023 – 1 April 2024, and is located on the third floor of the SLG Fire Station which is fully accessible. The studio is in the eaves of the building and has; sloped ceilings, two windows, wooden floors, internet access and a lockable storage cupboard. The studio can be used during usual gallery opening and office hours,

11am-6pm Monday – Sunday and until 9pm on Wednesdays. There are some restrictions on materials and processes used in the space, specifically the use of naked flames and toxic or chemical processes.

APPLICATION FORM

What is the selection panel looking for?

We are looking for original and achievable proposals for a new body of work in any medium. This opportunity encourages artists to experiment in a supportive environment and so we look for the potential for progression in their practice and personal networks. We aim for this period to be of significant benefit to the artist(s), offering the space for new and ambitious ways of working.

The selection panel will consider applications based on the following:

- The quality of the artist's current practice, including the most recent examples of ideas and projects

- The quality and ideas of the proposed work

- The feasibility of the proposal

- The potential impact of the award on the professional development of the artist(s)

If I need more than the £4,000 production budget offered to make my proposed work, can I bring additional funding?

No. We aim for parity between the ambition, scale, quality and experience of appointed artists each year. More importantly, we do this so that the selection of the artist(s) cannot be swayed by the benefits or risks involved with the promise of or access to additional financial support.

Will you allow the proposal to use in-kind support?

Yes. We do allow projects to benefit from in-kind support and SLG will support the recipient to bring in-kind support from third parties where possible. If you already have promises or ideas for in-kind support it is worth including these in your

application as it can make a seemingly unaffordable or difficult to realise proposal more achievable. We also recognise the benefits of working in dialogue with others but would expect those undertaking work for or with you would be remunerated in your budget.

What happens if I experience a technical issue with the website?

If you experience a technical issue with the website, please report it to lily@southlondongallery.org.

To avoid last-minute problems, we strongly advise that you try to submit your application well in advance.

ELIGIBILITY

I haven't completed an accredited or university based postgraduate programme, can I still apply?

We are open to applicants who have completed a non-accredited, peer organised or self-initiated postgraduate programme of study that is equivalent to an MA, MFA, PGDip or MRes. In the section about your qualification/study programme please describe how your experience or alternative programme has prepared you for the residency.

I completed my course before October 2022 but my graduation (graduate ceremony) was between October 2022 and September 2023, am I eligible?

We can accept applications from those who have completed their programme of study within the last 12 months. This means when you finished all your assessments, submitted your work, and were no longer attending the course. The completion of the course needs to be between October 2022 and September 2023.

I've completed a PhD programme, am I eligible?

The opportunity is not open to those completing a PhD or equivalent level of programme.

I don’t currently hold a visa but if I’m successful I can apply for one because of the opportunity, can I still apply?

We request that applicants are either residents of the UK, have EU settled or pre-settled status or hold a Graduate Route visa with the right to stay in the UK for the entire duration of the residency. We are unable to sponsor applicants, and should for any reason your visa application be unsuccessful the opportunity can be jeopardised and we may not be able to offer it to another applicant.

I work as a duo/collective, can we apply together?

We accept applications from duo/collectives; however, the offer of the residency would remain the same, so it’s worth including in your application how you would use the housing bursary, studio and artists fee.