

INCUBATOR

ARTIST RESIDENCY

*Expressions
of Interest*



iMAGINARIUM

The Imaginarium
Wentworth Street, Shellharbour Village



What is the Incubator Artist Residency?

Are you an emerging or early-career artist?
Are you looking for dedicated space and time to develop new work, test and explore ideas or develop your practice?

Incubator is a new short-term residency program based in The Imaginarium, a creative space in Shellharbour Village. The residency is open to artists and creative practitioners working in any form.

Residencies will run for four weeks:

1st Residency: 4 August to 31 August, 2025

2nd Residency: 7 April 4 May, 2026

This is a **non-residential** opportunity and accommodation is not provided.

Depending on the residency outcome, there may also be the opportunity to present work during a Council-run festival.

Incubator Artists will receive:

- Exclusive access to The Imaginarium space for four weeks (accessible seven days per week);
- Stipend of \$5000 toward artist fees and/or material costs – to be paid in three instalments;
- Opportunity to present your work in the Imaginarium;
- Opportunity to present your work as part of the Artist of the Month program at Shellharbour Civic Centre.

Artists undertaking residency will be required to offer some form of community engagement or public presentation during the residency period. This may include a workshop, artist talk, exhibition/showing, performance, open studio, or similar.

Is Incubator Artist Residency for me?

We are committed to creating inclusive and accessible opportunities for artists and creative practitioners working in any form.

Incubator is for emerging and early-career artists in the first ten years of creative practice. We welcome diversity and encourage submissions from First Nations peoples, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and people with disability.

The Space

The Imaginarium is a non-residential creative space, located in Shellharbour Village, walking distance to the beach, harbour, park, cafes and shops of the Village.

- Intimate space of approximately 60sqm (6.4m x 9.4m), with floor to ceiling windows;
- Professional wall track hanging system, gallery spotlighting, sound dampening, 6 x double power points, air conditioning;
- Alarm protected and lockable storage room;
- Kitchenette facilities including sink, Zip hot water and bar fridge.

The Imaginarium cannot accommodate wood/metal working machinery or hazardous materials.

For more images of the space, please visit shellharbour.bookable.net.au

Applicant Guidelines

Applicants must have Public Liability Insurance (PLI), or have the ability to obtain PLI if their application is successful. Successful applicants will be required to enter into an agreement (MOU) with Shellharbour City Council for the duration of the residency.

Selection criteria:

- Artistic merit/quality of the artist's work to date;
- Commitment to art practice
- Clear approach to how residency time will be used;
- Benefit of the residency to the artist's professional development;
- Suitability of the creative practice for the studio space;
- Strategies to connect with the community.

If there are two or more preferred artists are of equal merit in all other respects, preference will be given to artists who are current residents of, or with connection to, Shellharbour.

How do I apply?

To apply, please complete the [application form](#) and add links to your CV, artist statement and examples of your practice.

Applications close Monday 31 March, 2025

Questions can be directed to arts@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au



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