RESIDENCE FAQs

**RESIDENCE SPACES**

**What spaces can I access as part of my application?**

Footscray Community Arts currently has a number of lockable studios in Henderson House – these will be offered to successful resident/s for a specific period of time. In some cases, studios will be shared with other artists in RESIDENCE depending on the requirements and practices. The podcast/sound studio, and rehearsal room will also be available for shorter residencies.

**Can I access my studio 24/7?**

No. Access to RESIDENCE studios is aligned with Footscray Community Arts opening hours, 7 days a week. As a public space, Footscray Community Arts is responsible for ensuing safety of residents, tenants and staff onsite, and consistency in security protocols across the precinct. If there are times you require late or early access, this may be accommodated as part of your proposal, and may attract fees associated with staffing and security.

**Can I request a residency in the theatre?**

Unfortunately, no. Our theatre spaces are used throughout the year for our programs so we are no longer able to provide theatre space through RESIDENCE.

**Can I request additional spaces?**

We understand that you might need access to additional spaces for meetings etc for short periods as part of a longer studio residency. Please any requests like this within your application

**Do the studios come furnished?**

Each studio will be furnished with chairs and one or two desks depending on size and number of expected occupants. You will need to bring any additional furniture, equipment and materials you require and remove these upon the close of your residency.

**Do any studios have a wet space?**

No. The studios are in a heritage building and not suited to some arts practices. If you require a wet area for ceramics, paints etc., this may not be the residency for you.

**Are RESIDENCE spaces accessible? What are the dimensions?**

Please see the [Henderson House floor plan.](https://footscrayarts.com/new/cms/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/HH_Plans_Rev_2021.pdf) We will be happy to discuss any requirements you may have to access the space.

**IN RESIDENCE AT FOOTSCRAY COMMUNITY ARTS**

**Will I receive production support for my residency project?**

No, you will need to be self-sufficient. Footscray Community Arts is unable to provide free production support, equipment or materials as part of the RESIDENCE program. We can discuss staffing or equipment hire fees if necessary.

**What are my responsibilities as a resident?**

You will be provided with a RESIDENCE Handbook and induction at the start of your residency. This will outline the ‘house rules’ and relevant procedures. Some basic responsibilities include treating those around you with respect, locking your studio when you are not in it, not consuming alcohol in your studios and complying with the security directions from Footscray Community Arts venue staff.

**How long can I stay in residence?**

Studio residencies are for 9-12 months. If you’re interested in undertaking a residency for longer than this period, email our asha@footscrayarts.com to discuss before submitting your application.

Our other residency spaces – e.g. podcast studio or rehearsal space – are available for shorter periods as they are also used by other Footscray Community Arts programs. Please indicate how long you and the frequency you might need in your application or feel free to get in touch to discuss your needs.

**Can I extend my residency?**

Footscray Community Arts aims to make this program dynamic and accessible, which means that we may not be able to extend your residency in every instance.

**Can I do a showing/exhibition of my residency project?**

Yes! Residents are encouraged to do a showing of work-in-progress (or finished work!) at Footscray Community Arts towards the end of your residency. We’ll work out the logistics of how and where this takes place together, but please note that you will need to coordinate your own equipment, materials and any tech/production support you require.

**Can I submit an application for RESIDENCE if I have a presentation confirmed at another venue for my project?**

Yes. Footscray Community Arts understands that artists have been impacted over recent years by COVID-19 and we want to be as open and supportive as we can be.

**I have other questions not covered here. Who can I contact?**

Email Footscray Community Arts Industry Development Manager, Asha Bee Abraham, at asha@footscrayarts.com. You can send through your phone number and she’ll call you if you’d prefer to speak on the phone.