

## Level Up

### Youth arts incubator residency program 2020 guidelines

#### The opportunity

The City of Gold Coast's youth arts incubator program Level Up aims to engage emerging young artists transitioning from school, work or tertiary studies to a career in the creative industries sector on the Gold Coast.

It will provide a unique opportunity for emerging young artists to take their arts practice to the next level and be a part of the city's vibrant cultural landscape.

Level Up is a three month residency program that provides young visual artists with a shared studio space and support to create new work for a range of public outcomes during the residency period. Support includes a monthly stipend (artist fee), access to professional development workshops, industry experience and connections that will support creative pursuits and sustainable arts practice.

The residency program is open to local creatives between the ages of 18 to 25, with a maximum of five artists per intake.

As part of Level Up residency, artists will have the opportunity to be involved within the Level Up studio + gallery public programs and events, along with general activation of the studio space in a variety of ways to showcase their works and connect with the local and creative community.

#### Applications close

Applications close 6pm, **Sunday 30 August 2020**.

For further details or to apply online visit [cityofgoldcoast.com.au/levelup](http://cityofgoldcoast.com.au/levelup)

#### Who should apply?

Level Up is open to individual visual artists aged 18 to 25 years and living on the Gold Coast. Ideally, applicants will have three or more years of arts practice experience. Your experience may include art classes, a degree or TAFE course; perhaps you're self-taught and have been creating your own work.

Creative practice may include, but is not limited to:

- visual art, drawing and illustration;
- painting and printmaking;
- design and photography;
- sculpture;
- digital and multimedia works; and
- cross disciplinary works.

Art forms and practices that require solvents, heavy machinery, extractor fans, open flames or generate loud noise will not be considered.

Other art forms may be restricted due the nature of the co-working studio space, which is enclosed and air-conditioned.

To find out more, please contact Level Up program coordinator prior to application on [levelup@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:levelup@goldcoast.qld.gov.au) or phone 5581 6691.

## **About Level Up**

The City of Gold Coast's Level Up Studio + Gallery is a one of a kind community arts space on the Gold Coast, comprising of three key components; the Level Up residency, the Level Up gallery and public programs.

The space is designed to provide access to art experiences for young people and adults within the local community and beyond, through public programs hosting a range of creative activations, such as art workshops, artist talks, school holiday workshops, networking events and an exciting exhibition program.

The signature program, Level Up residency is a youth arts incubator supporting the development of young emerging artists practicing in the early stages of their career.

## **What to expect**

Each residency participant will be supported during the three month residency program to maximise opportunities to develop their arts practice.

Successful participants will also be expected to:

- Commit to a 3 month residency period. Including a minimum of three full days per week of studio time at the Level Up venue (during business hours).
- Produce a range of art works during the residency.
- Attend professional development workshops and activities.
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- Acknowledge the Level Up program with any art works produced during the residency.
- Complete a pre and post participant feedback survey to monitor progress during the residency.
- Work collaboratively with fellow residency artists in supporting a vibrant and creative cultural hub in Coolangatta.

## **Support provided**

During the three month residency, individual artists will be provided with the following:

- A \$1500 monthly stipend (artist fee), with additional funding to support securing artist insurance (\$300).
- Shared studio space, including WIFI at no cost.
- Support and guidance in developing a sustainable artist practice, creative collaborations and industry connections, including face-to-face and online.
- Access to professional development workshops.
- Industry experience and exposure through residency activities, events and exhibition opportunities.
- Promotional assistance and support to exhibit and showcase art work.
- Access to the Level Up program staff to support participants during their residency.

Due to potential COVID-19 restrictions and modifications, resident artists may be required to:

- Use their home studio to undertake the residency offsite, if necessary.
- Work from their homes and be responsible for connection to the residency facilitator and peers through the use of their own smart phone, personal computers and access to web technologies via the internet.
- Access program content online.

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## Level Up studio

The Level Up studio + gallery art space is located within The Strand at Coolangatta Shopping Centre.

Participants will have access to the studio space four days a week during business hours of 9am to 4pm, out of hours access are subject to approval by the Level Up program coordinator.

The art space is connected to power and water, concrete floors, and Wi-Fi, flexible furnishings, basic storage and kitchenette facilities.

As part of the project, public visibility into the studio must be maintained and an open studio will be held during the residency.

Applicants will have the opportunity to view the studio space on **Thursday 20 August 2020** between 2 pm and 6 pm. For further details email [levelup@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:levelup@goldcoast.qld.gov.au) or phone 5581 6691.

## Key dates

Applications open	Friday 7 August 2020
Info night/open house	2pm – 6pm, Thursday 20 August 2020 <i>*Bookings required</i>
Application close	6pm, Sunday 30 August 2020
Notification of interviews	Wednesday 2 September 2020
Interviews conducted	Wednesday 9 September 2020
Successful applicants notified	Wednesday 16 September 2020
Pre residency session	Saturday 19 September 2020
Compulsory induction	Tuesday 29 September 2020
Commence residency	Tuesday 29 September 2020
End of residency	Friday 18 December 2020

## To apply

To be considered for the Level Up program, applicants must complete and submit the online Level Up Program application form. All applications need to include:

- An art related referee contact
- A CV (maximum of four pages).  
Below are a couple of suggested weblinks that may assist you with creating your artist CV  
<https://flyingarts.org.au/resources/resources-for-artists-artworkers/how-to-write-an-artist-cv/>  
<https://thepracticalartworld.com/2011/02/12/how-to-write-an-artists-cv-in-10-steps/>
- Any relevant support material, such as weblinks or images of your previous artwork.

Supporting documentation can be attached to the online application.

We will be selecting suitable applicants who are:

- Committed to the development of their arts practice.
- Available to attend the residency for 3 month.
- Contribute to a range of creative outcomes during the residency.
- Actively contribute to Level Up programs and the vibrancy of the co-working studio environment.
- Enthusiastic about working alongside other young artists and expanding their industry experience.

Applications must be received by 6pm, **Sunday 30 August 2020**.

For more information please contact the Level Up team on 07 5581 6691 or [levelup@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:levelup@goldcoast.qld.gov.au).

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for Level Up, applicants must:

- Be between the ages of 18 to 25 years of age by the application due date.
- Live on the Gold Coast.
- Be a permanent resident or Australian citizen.

### **Exclusions**

The following items will not be funded by the residency program:

- Participant's materials and consumables required for the production of artwork.
- Participant's travel expenses and other individual expenses that maybe incurred as part of the program.

### **All enquires**

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