

Graduate Studio Award Scheme

Deadline: 12 midnight, Sunday 9th September 2018.

Lewisham Arthouse is a 25 year old artist-run cooperative based in South East London. It houses an eclectic group of cultural practitioners whose work spans sculpture, painting, experimental sound, sculpture, set design, textile, social practice, printmaking, photography and beyond. The Arthouse provides artist studios, bookable space and specialist workshops, a programme of events and exhibitions as well as regularly contributing to local initiatives.

Members of Lewisham Arthouse share their time, equipment and knowledge with wider communities on a non-profit basis. Besides renting space, each studio member commits at least 5 hours per month in support of the facilities and programme. This echoes the original intentions of the Carnegie library building we occupy - to enrich communities by nurturing their creativity. We work to support artists, their audiences and wider communities; providing platforms and occasions for encounter, learning and making.

Continuing our commitment to support emerging artists, we are very pleased to announce the 9th round of our Graduate Studio Award Scheme and invite all recent London-based (or those relocating) graduate visual artists to apply.

The award offers recent graduates a fantastic, free opportunity to continue developing their practice in a 200ft studio based within our artist-led cooperative. The scheme encourages the selected artist to utilise our facilities, participate in and draw on our lively community to produce and present new work. Towards the end of the scheme, the awardee will be invited to share the outcomes of the residency in a form of their choosing (past awardees have hosted events, presented exhibitions, symposium and even organised gigs).

Application is free - to apply please read guidelines below carefully:

Expectations

From us:

- The studio is offered free of charge for a period of 8 to 12 months
- The awardee is offered the free use of our gallery (or other space) to present new work on one occasion in 2019
- A review or health check after 3 months
- A full induction to procedures, an introduction to Arthouse members and a dedicated graduate facilitator as a point of call throughout

From the Graduate:

- One mid-way project or event in collaboration with the membership
- One final presentation in our gallery or other space



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- To observe the procedures of the Arthouse which keep it safe, communal and welcoming to guests
- A minimum attendance of 24 hours a month
- To complete a review document and sit on the selection panel of next years scheme

Please prepare a PDF of no more than 10MB with the following:

- A statement of no more than 500 words, briefly outlining your practice, areas of interest and an indication of how you might use the opportunity. *Please tell us about the areas, themes, processes and interests that characterise your work. What are you interested in? What do you do and make? What have you done recently? As well as a speculative description of how you would like to use the opportunity. This may involve responding to our organisation or the locality, utilising specific facilities, collaborating with the membership, developing particular ideas or skills or point towards a new, direction of travel.*
- A CV (no more than 2 sides of A4)
This is a document that outlines milestones, education, public presentations or achievements you currently have as an artist. We understand that this may be at an early stage - or your first artist CV. Please utilise [this link to Artquest](#) or [The Practical Artworld](#) where they explain in more detail
- Up to ten images or links to time based work.
Please keep time based work to a maximum of 5 minutes. Feel free to submit excerpts of longer pieces.
- A corresponding list of titles, media/materials, dimensions and dates. *Please mention locations, collaborators or relevant context such as duration if relevant.*
- One written reference (1 A4 sheet max) from a cultural worker or practitioner (ie curator, publisher, host organisation, tutor or practising artist).
Someone familiar with your practice who can vouch for your work, or confirm your suitability to the scheme.

Please send all applications to:

Email - graduateaward@lewishamarthouse.org.uk

Post - Graduate Award Scheme 09, 140 Lewisham Way, London SE14 6PD

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What are we looking for?

- An engaged, thought provoking and curious practitioner; seeking unknowns and testing established norms.
- Work that is emergent and would benefit from time and space to develop new avenues, processes or materials. Not necessarily an established or recognised artist.
- A graduate who has taken some time to familiarise themselves with our context, organisation and activities.
- A graduate intrigued by creative process and interested in furthering the conversations surrounding cultural production at large.

Timeline:

9 September, 12 midnight - Deadline for applicants.

24 September - Shortlist and unsuccessful applicants notified, interviews begin.

30 September - Awardee notified.

1st October - Studio available.

6th October - Inductions begin / move in period.

Limitations:

- We regret that the studio on offer is not accessible without the use of steps. In the coming years we are working to rectify this.
- We will consider collaborative practices, however due to the limitations of the space are not able to offer the award to collective. Please do keep in touch as we have other opportunities that may suit this mode of production such as the project space open call upcoming. Sign up to our newsletter and follow our social media for updates.
- The award is initially offered for 8 fixed months with the possibility of to extending to 12 months.
- Some financial assistance is offered towards the final presentation of work (approx £200) in addition to in-kind support from the membership - however, there is no additional sum offered alongside to support the scheme. However, there is some expertise internally that could offer advise on the development of a external funding bid to support the production of new work.
- Currently the scheme is offered to recent graduates. MA or BA level, applying within two years of graduation. You are eligible to apply if you are currently studying and graduate in September 2018.
- We are sorry but due to the high level of entries we are unable to give feedback to applicants not shortlisted for interview.



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