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**IMMA**

OPEN CALL  
BRIEF

PHOTOGRAPHY  
RESIDENCY  
AWARD 2019 –  
2020

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Cill Mhaighneán  
Baile Átha Cliath 8  
D08 FW31, Éire

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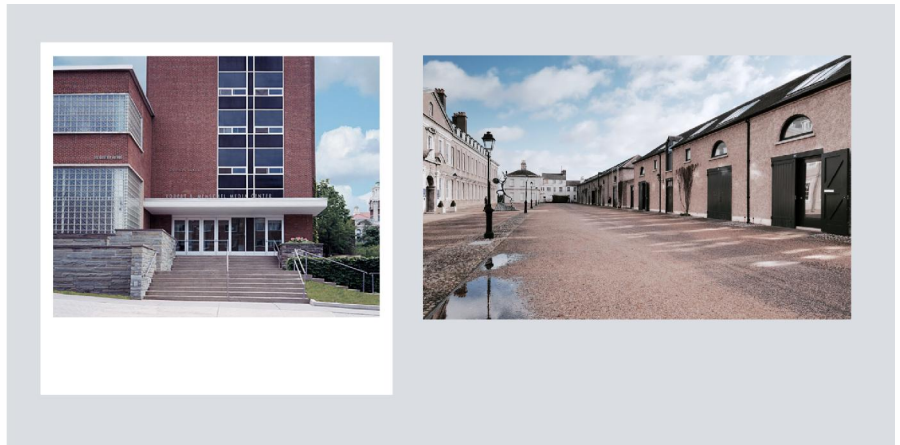
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## BACKGROUND

IMMA is excited to launch an open call for an exceptional residency opportunity offering a photographer or a visual artist working with photography a chance to participate in three unique residencies through one single award.

Applications will be accepted from 22 May - 17 July 2019

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### **The IMMA 1000 International Photography Award** *A Democracy of Vantage Points*

IMMA's new open call will provide institutional support across two established residencies in partnership with the internationally renowned Light Work photography organisation and residency in Syracuse, New York and will incorporate a third peripatetic residency to one or multiple locations through a self-initiated international research journey as proposed by the applicant. This democracy of vantage points aligns function and vision to make each residency an equally significant part of the overall experience, the amalgamation of two formal residencies with an

artist's journey has exciting and new potential for everyone involved. The motivating principle for this multiple residency award is to offer a unique experience which will open critical avenues for creative and professional resonance, with an aim to support and enhance that which is integral to the selected practice in a timely and relevant context.

This photography residency award is made possible through IMMA 1000 which supports IMMA's work with Irish artists worldwide. IMMA will also host an international artist from Light Work as part of this partnership.

## **Further Information**

IMMA welcomes applications from interested candidates who can demonstrate how this opportunity would expand, complement or challenge their artistic development in a timely, transformative and critical way. The residency package will provide support across two established internationally renowned residencies and will seek dynamic, engaged and contextualized proposals for a peripatetic residency encompassing a self-initiated journey which will define a focal point for the overall project.

Details of all three residencies follow. The total value of this award is €13K.

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### **Stage 1 – IMMA Residency**

The first element of this award is a period of up to three months living and working on IMMA's Residency Programme. This time can be taken as one single block of support, or used at various stages during the overall timeframe of the award.

#### **Support**

Free studio and accommodation at IMMA, Dublin.  
Bursary: €1,000 per month approx.

### **Stage 2 – What Happens In-Between**

Thinking outside the regular structure of a residency, IMMA invites applicants to propose a self-organised international journey to a site, destination, experience or theme of interest which will offer the awardee a unique opportunity to develop and progress possibilities with their practice. This peripatetic residency will support up to 1 month of travel to one or multiple destinations for research and documentation, defining a focal point for the overall project.

#### **Support**

€5,000 towards travel & insurances, accommodation, living and materials expenses

### **Stage 3 - Light Work Residency, Syracuse, New York**

The final stage of this award is a one-month residency at the internationally renowned Light Work photography organisation and residency in Syracuse, New York. Light Work is a non-profit photography organisation supporting artists since 1973. Light Work provides direct support through residencies, publications, exhibitions, a community-access digital lab facility, and other related projects to emerging and under-represented artists working in the media of photography and digital imaging.

#### **Support**

Free accommodation and access to the digital lab facility  
€5,000 towards travel, living and materials expenses

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All three residency opportunities are established to support research and expanded practice and are not dependent on an exhibition outcome. The principle for this support is to provide an exceptional experience supporting ambitious developments with the chosen practice, and will have professional resonance throughout and beyond the awarded opportunity.

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### **ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA**

- IMMA welcomes applications from artists resident in Ireland for a minimum of two years (post-undergraduate) or Irish artists living worldwide
- Applications are assessed against the following criteria 1) the artistic quality, 2) the potential contained within the applicants practice, 3) how this may be a transformative opportunity for a developing practice, and 4) the timeliness of this opportunity in the artists career
- Individuals currently in undergraduate or postgraduate education or who will be for the timing of this award are not eligible
- Interested candidates must be able to demonstrate that they are practicing professionals with an active track record in exhibition making and/or art engagement within recent years

### **TIMING**

- IMMA is accepting applications from Wednesday 22 May, 3pm UTC, until Wednesday 17 July 2019, 3pm UTC.
- Selection and announcement is complete by August 2019
- Programming period, all three residency opportunities must be fully complete by May 2020.

## REQUIREMENTS OF THE RESIDENT

- The successful applicant should be fluent in English
- It is a condition for the award that the successful applicant must carry all necessary insurances. Evidence will be required of these insurances before the commencement of the residency – <http://visualartists.ie/advocacy-advice-membership-services/resources/insurance/>
- IMMA and Light Work request that support is credited in works, publications and projects emerging during and resulting from the residency package, whether this is done through credit in text format or logos
- To be responsible for all matters concerning visas and valid travel documents, IMMA and light Work can provide supporting letters to assist with applications where required
- Engage in clear communication around proposed residency dates and travel schedules for all three residency opportunities.
- Advance notice and open dialogues are essential about specific requirements or requests which may prohibit capacity to realize the opportunities to their full potential.
- Facilitate IMMA and Light Work with documentation requests, interviews and members events where necessary / appropriate.