

# DWELL HERE 2026 FAQ's

## The Application Process

- **Do you accept international applicants?**  
IMMA accepts both national and international applications, however the Dwell Here studio award is for artists living within a commutable distance from IMMA.
- **Is there a fee to apply?**  
Yes, there is a nominal compulsory fee of €10 which can be paid through the secure online system when your application is ready to be submitted.
- **Is it possible to make an application in another language?**  
IMMA only has capacity to review applications made in English.
- **Can I receive feedback about my application?**  
Due to the volume of applications IMMA receives individual feedback is not possible.
- **Do I have to work in a specific medium to apply?**  
IMMA is open to working with a wide range of cultural practices.
- **Do I need to have a specific project in mind before I apply?**  
The Dwell Here Research Invitation should resonate and connect with your practice. The expression of interest must reflect a means of working through the themes outlined in the Research Invitation. A specific project is not discouraged but neither is it a requirement, it is anticipated that concepts and ideas should emerge through the residency experience.
- **Who will be reviewing my application?**  
IMMA staff do an initial shortlist. An external reviewer will be invited to join IMMA Staff make final decisions for the programme.
- **Can applications be made by alternative means?**  
Applications must be made through the online platform provided.
- **Does IMMA accept late applications?**  
No, all applications must be submitted within the timeframe specified.

## Eligibility

- **Is there an education requirement for the residency?**  
No, but applicants should not be engaged in undergraduate or MFA courses.
- **Is there an age requirement for the residency?**  
Yes, IMMA will not accept applicants younger than 21, there is no age limit beyond this.
- **I've been a resident before - can I reapply?**  
Yes.
- **Can applicants request a preference for the scheduling of their residency?**  
All interested applicants must be available for the dates specified for each opportunity i.e., one month residents must be available to merge their time with the week of their chosen assembly. One year residents must be available for all three assembly weeks.
- **Do artists need to be present on site for the duration of the residency?**

It is expected that all residents should have good availability to make full use of the competitive resources provided to them.

- **What if I need additional papers/visa to participate on the residency?**

It is the responsibility of the applicant to be fully briefed and transparent about their visa requirements to come to Ireland. IMMA will endeavour to advise and provide supporting documents to secure the correct travel documents as they arise. When hosting residents from outside the EU additional complexities can surface and this can occasionally lead to time delays or significant obstacles. Applicants must be mindful of these possible outcomes.

## **IMMA Resources**

- **Is there specialised equipment or workshop facilities on site for the residency?**

IMMA does not have specialist equipment or workshop facilities as part of the studio provision.

- **How much is the bursary award?**

The bursary varies with the type of residency awarded, please check the details on each specific residency opportunity before deciding which suits best.

- **Can I bring a spouse/family/partner?**

IMMA can discuss this in the context of one-year residencies however it will not be an option for one-month residencies.

- **Can a collective apply?**

IMMA is open to hearing from collectives however an application must be made by a nominated individual on behalf of the collective.

- **Will a successful applicant be exhibiting at IMMA?**

An exhibition at IMMA is not a precondition of the open call process, activities are predominantly studio based, all public programming must be addressed with relevant staff.

- **How does IMMA and this application process comply with GDPR?**

Information on how this opportunity complies with GDPR can be found at the end of the application guidelines, broader IMMA GDPR regulations can be found [here](#)

## **Resident Responsibilities**

- **What insurances is the artist expected to have?**

IMMA requires that residents should have insurances that reasonably cover their professional artistic activities, travel, health, and personal injury for the duration of their time at IMMA.

- **Are materials provided?**

All day-to-day studio materials requirements are the responsibility of the resident.