

Studio Application Guidelines 2026

- Project Studio
- Three Year Membership Studio
- Six Year Membership Studio
- Recent Graduate Residency Award

Applicants

Temple Bar Gallery + Studios offers subsidised work spaces for professional visual artists in a secure, comfortable and professional environment.

Temple Bar Gallery + Studios advertises annually for submissions from professional working artists from all backgrounds via our website and social media pages, Visual Artists Ireland e-bulletin, and other platforms for advertising the visual arts. In the interest of equality and fairness, we are extending our reach to new platforms and encourage applications from a broad diversity of practicing artists in Ireland.

Selection Process

A peer panel reviews the applications and awards available studios according to set criteria. These panels are made up of Temple Bar Gallery + Studios' Director, Programme Curator and artist members, as well as external/international artists or curators, representing a broad diversity of perspectives in contemporary art with the intention to diminish bias and support a fair process for equality of opportunity

for all visual artists from all backgrounds in Ireland applying. Please note, a different panel is engaged for each open call Temple Bar Gallery + Studios undertakes. The panellists rely on material submitted to make their decision. Within our artistic community we place a value on artistic potential as much as on track record of exhibitions, awards etc.

EDI Policy

Temple Bar Gallery + Studios is committed to its EDI policy to promote equality of opportunity for all visual artists applying, regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, civic or family status, religion, age, disability, socio-economic background, race, or membership of the Travelling community. Therefore, we are keen to receive applications from practicing Visual Artists that are representative of the diversity of Irish society, including, but not limited to any of the characteristics outlined.

Available Studio Awards

Temple Bar Gallery + Studios makes open calls annually for Three Year Membership Studios, Project Studios, and the Recent Graduate Residency Award. As the open call for Six Year Membership Studios takes place every six years, the next open call announcement takes place in late 2031 or early 2032.

Studio Membership:

1. **Six Year Membership Studios** are generally awarded to artists who have developed an established, professional practice. Six Year Membership Studio artists have full company membership status, full voting rights at AGM level and studio occupancy for a total of six years.

Deadline: Not Applicable.

2. **Three Year Membership Studios** are generally awarded to artists who are developing an established, professional practice. Three Year Membership Studio artists have full company membership status, full voting rights at AGM level and studio occupancy for a total of three years.

Deadline: Friday 16 October, 2026, 5pm

3. **Project Studios** are generally awarded to emerging artists who demonstrate talent and potential, or artists working towards a specific project over the course of the year applied for. Project Studios are awarded for one year and confer associate company membership on the awardee. Associate members do not have full voting rights but may act as a proxy to a full member.

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Rents for Six Year Memberships, Three Year Membership and Project Studios are highly subsidised, and are no more than €270 per month depending on the size of the studio awarded. Studios are awarded on the basis of availability, which differs each year. Temple Bar Gallery + Studios will try to accommodate preferences for studio sizes if specific requests are made clear in an application, however, there is no guarantee of the type or size of studio allocated if an application is successful.

4. **Paul Robinson Studio Award** is open to all applicants of Project Studios and is awarded to an emerging artist of talent and promise to develop and focus their artistic practice. All applications for Project Studios are automatically considered for this award. Paul Robinson Award grants a bursary of €7,000 to one recipient of a Project Studio annually, and is made each year for a period of five years from 2024–2029. Artists awarded are invited to engage with the sponsors of the Residency through an annual event.

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5. **The Recent Graduate Residency** is open only to artists who have graduated from any Irish undergraduate degree programme, in a fine art discipline within a three-year period prior to year of application. The award includes a free studio at Temple Bar Gallery + Studios for a period of one year. It also grants the awardee a €7,000 artist bursary, as well as other mentoring and curatorial supports provided by Temple Bar Gallery + Studios staff and member artists. Artists awarded the Recent Graduate Residency are often invited to participate in Temple Bar Gallery + Studios' Learning + Public Engagement programmes including talks, open studios, presentations of work, and offsite visits/conversations with the sponsors of the Residency.

Deadline: Friday, 10 April 2026, 5pm

Eligibility Guidelines

Our Studio Policy places restrictions around the length of time an artist has occupancy in the studios:

1. Duration and tenure

- 1.1 Project Studios and Recent Graduate Residency are for one year. There is the potential for a two-year extension with the successful application for a Three Year Membership Studio.
- 1.2 Three Year Membership Studios are for a maximum of three years.
- 1.3 Six Year Membership Studios are for a maximum of six years with no extension.
- 1.4 TBG+S offers a six-month extension to support artists whose studio access may be limited by an existing personal circumstance. This could include, but is not limited to, long-term illness, disability, parental or care obligations. Applicants are asked to briefly state

their reasons for an extension in the application form (Q6). Any requests for an extension will be taken into account at the application stage by the selection panel. If a studio is awarded, the extension will form part of the studio offer, with the extension applied for six months directly following the awarded tenure.

2. Tenure intervals

- 2.1 Project Studio artists and Recent Graduate Residency artists may apply for a full-term Three Year Membership Studio following a one-year interval following their Project Studio award.
- 2.2 Artists who have spent more than three consecutive years at Temple Bar Gallery + Studios in any combination of Project Studio, Recent Graduate Residency, Three Year Membership Studio may re-apply for a Project Studio or Three Year Membership Studio following a five-year interval from the time they leave their studio.
- 2.3 Artists who currently hold Three Year Membership Studio are eligible to apply for a Six Year Membership Studio application.
- 2.4 Following a Six Year Membership Studio artists may re-apply for a Project Studio or Three Year Membership Studio following a five-year interval from the time they leave their studio but are ineligible to apply again for Six Year Membership Studios.
- 2.5 Any professional artists with a consistent and proven track record is eligible to apply for Six Year Membership Studios, inclusive of past and current studio members (unless ineligible as a former Six Year Studio Member).

3. Studio Tenure Application Options

- 3.1 If the Open Calls for Six Year Memberships, Three Year Membership Studios and Project Studios take place at the same time, the

applicant must decide which one of the three Studio tenures they are applying for.

- 3.2 Artists who are unsuccessful in their applications for Six Year Membership Studio will be automatically considered for Three Year Membership Studio unless deemed ineligible due to disqualifying factors outlined in Section 2.2 of the Eligibility Guidelines in the document, e.g. if the applicant has already held a Three Year Membership Studio within the last five years.
- 3.3 Artists must self-assess their own suitability for each Studio Membership application in line with the Studio Membership description outlined in on page 2 of this document.

4. Location

- 4.1 If the applicant is applying from areas outside Leinster, or outside Ireland, feasibility to travel and work from a studio in Temple Bar, Dublin, should be made clear in their application.

5. Awards

- 5.1 As the Recent Graduate Residency and Paul Robinson Studio Award rely on external funding, extensions beyond the one-year time frame are not possible.

Application Form Guidelines

A single application form for the three studio categories will be available to download from the Temple Bar Gallery + Studios website. There is a separate application form for the Recent Graduate Residency.

There is no application fee.

General

The application form outlines the criteria which the panel will use to make their decision on applications. In order to make the best possible application, you should endeavour to address each of these criteria points in relation to your practice in your application text.

Artistic Activity

In the application form, you will be asked to tell us how you propose to use the studio over the relevant period of time, e.g. setting out exhibitions and projects you are working towards, or commissions you are undertaking. Temple Bar Gallery + Studios is interested in understanding your level of artistic activity outside of exhibiting and in addition to work you have realised, we recommend you show us any work you have might be in the process of realising, collaborations, ideas for new work, and proposals that you have in progress.

Need

Temple Bar Gallery + Studios wishes to clearly ascertain your level of need for a studio space and what your space requirements are. We ask you to self-assess what kind of space you need and why. Tell us why you want a subsidised workspace at Temple Bar Gallery + Studios, and what benefit this would have to your specific practice. Please provide us with details of what materials and processes you will use and other special requirements for a workspace. We will endeavour to take this into account, as far as possible, when allocating studios for the specific periods. We ask you to list any access or practice-based requirements or preferences for a studio space. We will use this information to select the most appropriate studio (where available) if your application is successful. It will also help us to develop our plans for studio policies and any capital redevelopment of our studio facilities in the future.

We intend for the application to be a straightforward process for both artists and assessors. The supporting materials should be concise and within the stated word count to allow the completion of a focused application.

For any queries relating to accessibility, regarding the Studio Awards or the application process please contact Programme Curator Michael Hill at michael@templebargallery.com

Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed on the six criteria points:

- Professional practicing visual artist
- Quality of work - original, distinctive, demonstrates fresh ideas, novel/artistic approaches and relevance to the diversity of contemporary visual culture
- Recent work and activity
- Quality of proposal – perceived potential
- Perceived or indicated benefit to the applicant
- Willingness to engage with TBG+S community

The questions in the application form and the supporting documentation are used to indicate artists' eligibility for the studios so it is important to consider the criteria when completing the application.

How to Apply

Required information. You must include:

- Completed application form in '.doc/.docx' or '.pdf' format
- Up-to-date CV in '.doc/.docx' or '.pdf' format. 3 pages max.
- Images: 10 max., laid out in a single PDF document. This should include a maximum of 10 images or links to videos, with captions (title, date, medium, and dimensions/duration for each work) and, if required, a brief description of each work. We recommend using video hosting sites such as www.youtube.com or www.vimeo.com. Please indicate within the document if there are passwords to the videos and provide the access password. We

ask that applicants provide links to a short excerpt, no longer than three minutes, in addition to the full-length video, if the video is longer than five minutes.

Optional supporting documentation (Inclusion of any of the following is not mandatory). You may include:

- Outline of a current artistic project and how you will carry this out using the studio at TBG+S (optional). Please provide where relevant in .pdf or .doc format. (1 A4 Page max)
- Catalogues: Scanned pdf. copies of catalogues (optional). Pages featuring your work only. If the page count exceeds 10, please provide an excerpt/selection of no more than 10 pages. Hard copies are not accepted.

Please note that we do not require or assess letters of support or endorsement.

Applications must be made by email to: apply@templebargallery.com

Due to the high volume of submissions, confirmation receipts are sent by email after the deadline, when all applications have been collated. This email will give information about the selection process and the expected time frame when a decision will be made, and applicants notified of the result of the open call.

2026 Application Deadlines

We endeavour to announce open calls approximately 5 weeks before each deadline.

Three Year Membership Studio Membership Application

Deadline: Friday 16 October, 2026, 5pm

Email application to: apply@templebargallery.com

Include words 'Three Year Membership Studio 2026' in the subject line.

Project Studio Application

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Email application to: apply@templebargallery.com

Include words 'Project Studio 2026' in the subject line.

Recent Graduate Residency Award

Deadline: Friday 10 April 2026, 5pm

Email application to: apply@templebargallery.com

Include words 'Recent Graduate Residency Award 2026' in the subject line.

If you are unsure about any element of your application, please email michael@templebargallery.com with any questions and queries.

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