

## Temple Bar Gallery + Studios Studio Application Guidelines 2024

Temple Bar Gallery + Studios offers subsidised work spaces for professional visual artists in a secure, comfortable and professional environment. These guidelines apply to the following studio memberships:

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

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.

A peer panel will review the applications and award 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 solely 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 and other achievements.

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

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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**

Please note that Temple Bar Gallery + Studios makes several separate open calls annually for Three Year Membership Studios, Project Studios, and the Recent Graduate Residency.

### **Studio Membership:**

1. **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. In this open call, there will be six Three Year Membership Studios allocated beginning February–July 2025.

**Deadline: Friday 11 October 2024, 5pm**

2. 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. In this open call, there will be four Project Studios allocated beginning February–July 2025.

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All applicants for Project Studio Membership will be considered for the **Paul Robinson Studio Award**. The Paul Robinson Studio Award will be made to one of the successful applicants for Project Studio Membership. It will give consideration to an artist who shows exceptional promise, as well an artist's needs, and the impact of

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the award on their career. In addition to the offering of a Project Studio, the awardee will receive €7,000 bursary. This award is proudly sponsored by Arthur Cox LLP in memory of Paul Robinson.

Rents for all studios are highly subsidised, and are between €200 and €280 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.

3. The Recent Graduate Residency is open only to artists who have graduated from any Irish undergraduate degree programme, in a fine art discipline, during 2022-2024. The award includes a free studio at Temple Bar Gallery + Studios for a period of one year. It also grants the awardee a €5,000 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 often participate in Temple Bar Gallery + Studios' Learning + Public Engagement programmes including talks, open studios, presentations of work, and off-site visits/conversations with the sponsors of the Residency.

**Deadline: To be announced in early 2025**

## **Eligibility Guidelines**

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

- Three Year Membership Studios are for a maximum of three years with no extension.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Artists who have spent three consecutive years at Temple Bar Gallery + Studios in any combination of Project Studio, Recent Graduate Residency and 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. Application Form Guidelines A single application form for each studio category 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.

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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 your application text.

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 also wishes to understand your level of artistic activity outside of exhibiting and so we are asking you to show us any work you might be in the process of realising, collaborations, ideas for work, and proposals that you have in progress, as well as finished work and exhibitions.

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

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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.

TBG+S offers a six-month extension to support artists whose ability to use their studio is affected by personal circumstance. This could include, but is not limited to, long-term illness, disability, and maternity, parental or care obligations. Applicants are asked to briefly describe their access needs, which the selection panel take into account when awarding the studios. The six-month extension applies to both Project Studios and Three-Year Studio Membership, and cannot be expected to be extended further unless in extenuating circumstances and in consultation with TBG+S Director and Board. All applications for studios are treated confidentially under GDPR and all personal information is not shared beyond the selection panel.

Funded studio awards including Paul Robinson Studio Award and Recent Graduate Residency are not eligible for extension.

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.

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 thinking, and is relevant to the diversity of contemporary visual culture
- Recent work and activity
- Quality of proposal and perceived potential
- Expressed and perceived need
- Openness to engage with TBG+S community

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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](http://www.youtube.com) or [www.vimeo.com](http://www.vimeo.com). Please indicate within the document if there are passwords to the videos and provide the access password. Artists may wish to submit short excerpts of longer video works if available.

**Optional supporting documentation. You may include:** (inclusion of any of the following is not mandatory but may help to strengthen your application.)

- 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)
- Reviews and other media: 2-3 scans of recent and relevant reviews (optional). (10 pages, max.)
- Catalogues: Scanned copies of catalogues (optional). Pages that feature your work only.

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

**Applications must be made by email only. Send to:  
[apply@templebargallery.com](mailto:apply@templebargallery.com)**

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If you wish to send hardcopy catalogues and books as supporting documentation to your application, they can be posted to the address below. To have your documentation returned by post, include a stamped addressed envelope with adequate postage or you can arrange to collect your application from TBG+S.

Please specify if you would prefer to donate your publications to the TBG+S library. TBG+S cannot take responsibility for any materials lost or damaged so please do not send publications of which you do not have extra copies.

## Studio Applications

Temple Bar Gallery + Studios

5-9 Temple Bar

Dublin 2, D02 AC84

## **Deadlines**

### **Three Year Membership Studio Application**

**Deadline:** Friday 11 October 2024, 5pm

Email application to: [apply@templebargallery.com](mailto:apply@templebargallery.com)

Please include the words 'Three Year Membership Studio 2024' in the subject line.

### **Project Studio Application**

**Deadline:** Friday 11 October 2024, 5pm

Email application to: [apply@templebargallery.com](mailto:apply@templebargallery.com)

Please include the words 'Project Studio 2024' in the subject line.

### **Recent Graduate Residency Application**

**Deadline:** To be announced in early 2025.

Email application to: [apply@templebargallery.com](mailto:apply@templebargallery.com)

Please include the words 'Recent Graduate Residency 2025' in the subject line.

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If you are unsure about any element of your application, please email [michael@templebargallery.com](mailto:michael@templebargallery.com) with any questions and queries.

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