Temple Bar
Gallery + Studios

Temple Bar Gallery + Studios / Tokyo Arts and Space (TOKAS) Residency Exchange 2026 Application Overview Information

Application Overview

In its second year, the TBG+S/TOKAS International Residency Exchange is an annual award in partnership with Tokyo Arts and Space (TOKAS), which supports an Irish or Ireland-based visual artist or an artist based in Ireland to spend three-months on residency in Tokyo, Japan, 01 September– 31 November 2027. As part of the exchange, a Japanese artist will be awarded a residency in Dublin and work from a studio at TBG+S, through an open call organised by TOKAS.

The awarded artist will have access to on-site private accommodation (single room) and shared studio access at TOKAS Residency, Sumida City, Tokyo. A stipend of €8,000 is awarded to cover the artist's living and working expenses, and travel to and from Tokyo. The residency includes opportunities to build professional networks, engage with community of Japanese and international resident artists, visit museums, galleries and other cultural organisations in a major city, present new work and ideas, and offers time to research and make work in a new context. This is an opportunity to live and work in Tokyo, Japan, and meet local and international artists and curators.

During the residency, artists will be invited to participate in public engagement and professional presentations culminating in a three-day Open Studio event where they will share the process of their activity during the residency.

This residency is particularly suited to artists who have confidence and experience in their practice and are establishing a professional track record, and artists who are motivated to spend time to research, reflect, present their work, and network alongside other international resident artists in Tokyo, Japan. It is suited to artists eager and ready to discuss and present their work and ideas with professional peers in an international studio setting.

The residency offers an open plan shared studio space at TOKAS lending artists a level of privacy, with partitioning and designated workspace which is available 9:30am — 11:00pm. There is on-site single room accommodation. TOKAS does not have production facilities onsite, however they can provide connection to local production workshops and facilities, with any associated costs to be covered by the artist.

Deadline: Friday 27 November 2026, 5pm

Eligibility Requirements

- Applications will only be accepted from professional practicing visual artists.
- The artist must either be living in Ireland or an Irish artist living anywhere in the world.
- The artist must be available to travel to Tokyo for the residency 01 September–31 November 2027.
- Artists previously awarded TBG+S/TOKAS Residency Exchange are not eligible to apply. However, former applicants whose applications were not selected will be welcome to reapply with a new application.

Assessment Criteria

Applications are assessed on the following basis:

- Artistic merit and quality of work — relevant to contemporary visual art
- Motivation
- Recent work and activity
- Quality of proposal / activity plan for programme
- Potential for artistic growth
- The selection process for the award is made by TOKAS based on a shortlist provided by TBG+S. TBG+S shortlisting committee is made up of TBG+S Director, TBG+S Programme Curator and an external artistic panel member.

How to Apply

Please read the application overview, eligibility requirements and assessment criteria information carefully before completing the online form on our website before the deadline. This information, alongside additional information about application troubleshooting, and our EDI and GDPR policies is included in this document.

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Please note, this online form will save your application in progress for a maximum of 30 days. This means you can return to the form over multiple session before submitting within a 30 day window. Please note the open call duration is longer than 30 days. If you have a query beyond the information outlined in the document below, please email apply@templebargallery.com

Application Troubleshooting

- If you submit a form accidentally and wish to send a new form, please email apply@templebargallery.com with the words ‘TBG+S/TOKAS International

Residency Application Form Error' in the subject line. Please provide the Application reference number of the form you wish to amend, received by email upon submission. Your form will be removed from the system once you have submitted a new form.

- We are now using an online form in order to make the application process easier and more accessible. If you have trouble accessing the form, or have any issues or feedback, please get in touch at apply@templebargallery.com

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.

GDPR

All information submitted to Temple Bar Gallery + Studios will be held in the strictest confidence in line with GDPR guidelines and data will only be used in the context of this application, the promotion of its participants and distribution of the books submitted. By submitting your application, you are authorising Temple Bar Gallery + Studios to contact you directly in relation to the open call.

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