

## Technical Development Residency (TDR) 2025, Application Guidelines

Technical Development Residencies are awarded to artists based in Ireland wishing to explore new directions in their practice through experimental engagement with different materials, processes, and ideas using the technical facilities of the Centre. Significantly the award is offered for research without the pressure of having to produce an exhibition, or specific project outcome during or at the end of the period. However, artists are requested to provide a short report of work developed during the residency period. The aim of the TDR residency is to

- Enhance and advance the artist's practice through experimental engagement with a range of materials, techniques, equipment and/or processes chosen by the applicant

### Residency Supports

The residency period is for 4 weeks and includes an artist's fee of €2,000 and comes with residential accommodation including a private and heated studio, broadband internet; general energy use and the use of all technical facilities specified by the applicant.<sup>1</sup> General technical support (in-house staff) for practice-based work is provided free during the period of the residency up to 10 hrs total per month. Additional hours to this is charged at 20 per hour. 'Standard' or 'Specialist' Technical Supports, if required, may be accessed through our list of freelance Technical Support providers and is charged from €40 - €60 depending on the level of engagement. See Technical Support Framework

<https://www.leitrimsculpturecentre.ie/facilities/technical-support>

### Timeline

Residencies will take place between February and November 2025.

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<sup>1</sup> Energy for the kilns, foundry, forge or intensive energy use is metered and charged additionally.

## Residency Proposals

There is no application form and submissions are in the form of a Residency Project Proposal that should outline the areas of technical or material involvement and describe the creative approach, methodology or technical process/s to be explored. Residency Proposals should include the following:

- A Project Proposal (Max 500 words).
- Up to 4 images jpegs of previous work with captions explaining material, size, date etc.
- An Artists Statement and Bio no more than ½ page each
- A full CV
- A suggested timeline for the project.

## Selection Criteria

- Quality of previous work 25%
- Relevance of project proposal to this residency scheme 20%
- Innovation within approaches to the materials, ideas and processes. 30%
- The capacity of the proposed project to support the artist develop new work and ideas in the advancement of their practice 25%

The most preferable way to send proposals is by email as one pdf document no larger than 20MB to:

[apply@leirimsculpturecentre.ie](mailto:apply@leirimsculpturecentre.ie)

Please put in the subject line of the e.mail – **‘TDR Residency (and your name)’**

- Application Deadline 5 pm. Tuesday 28 Oct 2024
- Notification by 29 November 2024
- Residencies will take place from Feb – Nov. during 2025

