

[Arts@SBG Community Arts Residency]

Singapore Botanic Gardens is calling for proposals from artists and/or collectives interested in the Arts@SBG Community Arts Residency. This Residency aims to support practising artists in advancing Singapore's field of community arts through nature. Through the Residency, artists will have opportunities to inquire, develop arts-based collaborations and co-create with the community artworks that will shape communal public spaces and reflect the collective stories of the people. They will also have an opportunity to get insights from Singapore's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. This Residency is part of Singapore Botanic Gardens, which is part of the National Arts Council's Arts and Culture Nodes Network.

One artist/collective from the field of **visual arts** will be appointed from 1 October 2021 – 28 February 2022, during which they can actively engage with the Singapore Botanic Gardens' visitors, staff and community groups and respond to Singapore Botanic Gardens' unique characteristics in a collaborative art-making process. Some support will be given for the appointed artist/collective to engage community groups, connect with stakeholders, and exchange ideas with peers in the arts community. The artist/collective should document the process and work towards a showcase with the flexibility to be both presented in the Singapore Botanic Gardens or held entirely online, subject to the proposal's approval. The showcase will be from January 2022.

In view of the evolving COVID-19 situation, physical gatherings may be suspended or limited to a small number of people during the Residency period. The Residency may also be deferred or put on hold if necessary. The appointed artist/collective should also propose alternative plans to conduct the engagements and showcase digitally.

If physical spaces for workshops and exhibitions are required, this should be indicated in the proposal, subject to space availability. Applicants' proposals should provide flexibility to be showcased either online or physically and this is subject to Singapore Botanic Gardens' review of the proposal.

RESIDENCY PACKAGE

- A budget of up to S\$20,000 covering the artist/collective's honorarium, materials costs associated with the process, and costs for the final showcase
 - \$10,000 (50%) will be disbursed after appointment to the Residency on a reimbursement basis for actual expenditure that has been incurred
 - Up to S\$10,000 (50%) will be disbursed upon completion of all deliverables and submission of reports. Amount to be reimbursed will be based on actual expenditure
- Singapore Botanic Gardens will facilitate linkups with community stakeholders and spaces to work with, as well as provide publicity support
- Community Artist Sharing Session – a small, casual gathering where artists may share their process and plans, and receive feedback from peers
- Consultation sessions with experienced community artists, who may offer perspective and guidance if needed

- As part of NAC's efforts to introduce emerging practitioners to community arts practices, students observers will be tagged to each Residency, who will also offer some support for documenting community engagement.

RESIDENCY DELIVERABLES

- Sustained, regular interaction¹ with Singapore Botanic Garden's target group of either visitors, staff or community groups during the Residency period, with documentation and monthly updates of key interactions and artistic processes. This includes work done outside of engagement hours with community e.g. developing concepts, producing showcase.
- A showcase in January 2022 at either Singapore Botanic Gardens or held entirely online, subject to the proposal's approval by Singapore Botanic Gardens that is presented as a conclusion to the Residency which should include sharing on the community engagement process, learning points from engaging the community, co-creation aspects of the Residency.
- An Evaluation Report and Financial Report, submitted within three weeks of the Residency's completion, together with all supporting documents and receipts for verification purposes.

All deliverables must be met to receive the Residency package.

ELIGIBILITY

Who may apply

- Individual artist or collectives of up to four artists may apply
- Applicant must be practicing artists with at least 2 years of relevant arts experience
- Applicant must commit to the entire duration of the Residency
- Only Singaporeans or Permanent Residents of Singapore may apply
- Informal groups or collectives (up to four members) in which the majority of members are Singapore Citizens or PR may apply. The Primary Applicant will have to undertake legal and financial responsibility on behalf of the collective.

Who may not apply

- If your group or collective is constituted for non-secular purposes
- If you are a student

APPLICATION

How to apply?

Please download the Application Form (Annex A) and Budget Form (Annex B). Complete these documents and email them with the necessary supporting documents attached to joanne@aux.com.sg Indicate "Arts@SBG Community Arts Residency" in the subject line.

Required Information

You are required to prepare and submit the following information at the time of application:

¹ Suggested commitment: 70 contact hours for this residency. The last month will be for physical artwork maintenance and administrative works. This includes work done outside of engagement hours with community e.g. developing concepts, producing showcase.

- Your artistic objectives
- Residency Proposal – Write-up of your arts engagement plans
- Estimated budget
- A calendar of monthly milestones
- Curriculum Vitae of key parties involved
- At least two samples of past work/an online portfolio

Application Deadline

The table below lists the key dates:

APPLY BY	NOTIFIED BY	RESIDENCY PERIOD	SHOWCASE (online/physical/both)
18 August 2021	13 September 2021	1 October 2021 to 28 February 2022	January – February 2022

All applications must be submitted by **2359hrs, 18 August 2021**. You may submit your applications early, in advance of the application window. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE ASSESSED

Assessment Criteria

Singapore Botanic Gardens' assessment will consider:

- The applicant's track record and potential in contributing to community arts practice
- The applicant's proposal
 - Approaches and methods – artistic strength and quality of engagement
 - Project management – budget, feasibility of plans

GUIDELINES

While we celebrate diversity of expression and open, balanced dialogue in the arts, as a statutory body disbursing public funds in line with Government policies, the Council has to prioritise funding to proposals which do not:

- ☐ Advocate or lobby for lifestyles seen as objectionable by the general public;
- ☐ Denigrate or debase a person, group or class of individuals on the basis of race or religion, or serve to create conflict or misunderstanding in our multicultural and multi-religious society;
- ☐ Undermine the authority or legitimacy of the government and public institutions or threaten the nation's security or stability

Singapore Botanic Gardens reserves the right to terminate the project should it not comply with the abovementioned guidelines at any time during the residency period.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

By submission of the Residency application form, the applicant agrees to all of the above mentioned as well as the following terms and conditions:

1. Singapore Botanic Gardens reserves the right to record all or part of the proceedings of the Residency and related activities for broadcast and promotional purposes without payment to the applicants or the applicants' consent. Singapore Botanic Gardens retains all rights to the recorded materials.
2. Any applicant who knowingly gives inaccurate or misleading information will be disqualified.
3. In case of any disputes, Singapore Botanic Gardens' decision shall be final.
4. Singapore Botanic Gardens reserves the right to amend the rules and terms and conditions of the Residency.

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