

Lewisham Arthouse Graduate Award 2025

Frequently asked questions

- **I left college in 2021 am I still eligible to apply?**

We are accepting application from those who applicants who graduated between 2021-2024, so long as you graduated before the deadline of application

- **What types of practice are acceptable? My practice involves writing/ dance/ performance/ceramics – am I eligible to apply?**

We welcome interdisciplinary practises, however please be aware that this is a studio award and active use of the studio would be an expectation.

- **I cannot get my reference to you until after the deadline – am I still eligible to apply?**

Yes - If there is a reason why you cannot submit the reference until after the deadline we will still consider your application. However this is conditional on the reference being submitted at a later date

- **What ways can I submit my application?**

There is a google form link or you can submit a hard copy of your application. You can also submit with a PDF or deliver a hard copy. There is also the opportunity to submit your statement and cv via video link of audio link

- **Is there an opportunity to see the space before the application deadline?**

Unfortunately the studio is in constant use by the current graduate. We have a video link to show the space and talk through the award

- **I graduated from an alternative degree course – am I still eligible to apply?**

Yes we do consider alternative degree courses. Please see our information pack for guidance

- **If I was shortlisted is there any help with travel costs?**

If you are shortlisted and invited for an interview you can apply for help with travel costs

- **The information pack mentions submitting up to ten images or three links to time based work – does that mean that I could submit 2 links**

and 8 images, or any other variation as long as it's no more than 10 images and 3 links all together?

Yes this would be acceptable. We accept variables so long as it does not exceed 13 images or links together

- **What is the latest time on 15th September that I can submit my application?**

The cut off is 12 midnight on 15th September

- **I graduated from a collage outside London, or outside the UK am I still eligible to apply?**

Yes, you can apply from outside London or the UK, however as this is a studio award located in South East London, you do need to live in London to access the studio on a regular basis during the period of the residency.

- **I am not a UK citizen and would need a visa to live in the UK. Is this something that you can help with?**

Unfortunately we are not a recognised education institution or college so the award would not entitle you to a visa.

- **Is the studio 'live in' and if not is there any help with living expenses?**

Although there is 24 hour access to the studio, studio holders and graduate award holders cannot live in the building. Unfortunately we are not able to help with living expenses.

- **Is there any financial help?**

There is a studio stipend of £500 and a budget of £1000 production budget for the final exhibition/event. There is also a budget towards a mentoring programme

- **Is there step free access to the studio?**

Unfortunately at present there is no step free access. The studio is on the first floor. We are aware that this is a barrier to some and step free and wheel chair access is part of our future plans for the award

- **What do you mean by barriers?**

We understand barriers as anything that might prevent you from accessing his award. These can include childcare commitments, your socio-economic

situation, or specific needs such as noise cancelling headphones or a dedicated access worker. We encourage you, if you feel comfortable, to let us know if you feel there are any barriers that you face accessing the award. We will also take this as feedback for next year and will aim to support successful candidates in any way we can.

- **What do you mean by ‘disability’**

We use the social model for disability. The social model of disability is a way of viewing the world, developed by disabled people. The model says that people are disabled by barriers in society, not by their impairment or difference. Barriers can be physical, like buildings not having accessible toilets. Or they can be caused by people’s attitudes to difference, like assuming disabled people can’t do certain things. We have more information about the social model of disability in our information pack, as well as what an Access Doc is and how you might make one

- **What facilities and resources other than the studio can I access during my residency?**

We have a kiln which you can use, a small dark room and a yard for heavier machine work or for just relaxing.

- **I understand that that Lewisham Arthouse is a co-op – how does this work?**

Lewisham Arthouse is a collective of 40 + studio holders and is run on a cooperative model. Studio holders become members of the co-operative and all decisions pertaining to the running of the co-op are made collectively. We also manage all aspects of the running and maintenance of the building. We also manage all aspects of cultural activities, education programme, gallery and workshop exhibitions and activities. Each member is expected to give a minimum of 5 hours labour a month towards the running of building and the co-op. There is also a minimum studio attendance requirement of an average of 22 hours per month

- **As a graduate award holder would I also be expected to work for the co-op?**

There is no requirement to undertake work for the co-op during your residency, however engaging with the life of the co-op is welcomed. You would however be expected to use the studio for a minimum of 22 hours per month

- **Would I be entitled to a studio in the co-op after my residency ends?**

There is no guarantee of a studio at the end of the residency as this depends on one becoming available and is also subject to our studio application procedures. A number of former residents have however gone on to become studio holders

- ***My question is not covered here, what can I do?***

If your question is not answered here, please email graduateaward@lewishamathouse.org.uk. Please be aware we are a voluntary run organisation so may take a few days to respond.