

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

National Circus Residency Program

Guidelines 2024



Flying Fruit Fly Circus is pleased to invite submissions from emerging and established artists and artistic teams to be part of the 2022 *Under Construction* residency program. Submissions will close at 11.59pm on Sunday 16 April 2023

About Under Construction

Under Construction supports circus artists in Australia to develop and perform original new physical theatre and circus works. It provides a structure for creative development, concluding with a work-in-progress showing to the Fruit Fly community and invited guests.

What we offer:

- \$3,000 cash towards expenses, and in-kind support of up to \$5,000
- two weeks access to the Flying Fruit Fly Circus (FFFC) rehearsal facilities and equipment (further time subject to negotiation)
- free accommodation in our Circus House, a five-minute walk from FFFC, subject to negotiation of dates
- advice, feedback and mentorship from the FFFC team
- basic technical support for a work-in-progress showing

What you offer:

- a contribution to our FFFC community and young artists through skills sharing, knowledge and experience
- one informal showing of your work to the FFFC community (staff, students and invited guests) during your residency
- your positive creative energy

In 2024 Victorian applicants will also be eligible for Under Construction: Victoria, made possible by a grant from the Australia Council for the Arts Victorian Circus and Physical Theatre Projects Fund.

Each Under Construction: Victoria residency receives the above plus:

- \$5,000 cash funding towards the development
- An opportunity to be considered for a \$20,000 commission to further produce the work in the new Borderville Theatre in 2024 or 2025.

Eligibility

Under Construction is open to individuals or groups living in Australia with an independent arts practice in circus or physical theatre. The work must be original with no prior public performances.

Artists who were successful in 2023 are not eligible for a residency in 2024.

Current Flying Fruit Fly Circus staff are not eligible for this round.

Selection Criteria

Consideration will be given to:

- The idea (*is it interesting, innovative, bold?*)
- The proposed use of time for creative development
- The track record and/or quality of the artists involved
- The benefit of the residency to the advancement of your project and/or careers
- The future potential of the project

Additional Information

- Residencies are scheduled to use the spaces available at FFFC around the full-time training program. Subject to your technical requirements, spaces may change at different times throughout your residency.
- FFFC has limited technical and circus equipment that may be available for each residency subject to negotiation. Artists are responsible for organising any additional specific equipment.
- The Circus House artist accommodation is comprised of two units. Each unit has two bedrooms with queen beds, one bathroom, kitchen, lounge, and laundry.
- Accommodation can be provided for the selected artist/s on the application, each unit can comfortably accommodate two adults or couples.
- Pets are not permitted.
- Successful applicants will be required to provide Public Liability Insurance covering all artists on site for the residency, and be able to provide NSW Working With Children Checks.
- A bond will be held for all residencies and released at the end of the residency provided the conditions to release the bond have been met. This may include the return of all keys and the completion of a satisfactory property report.
- The accommodation is in a residential area. Excessive noise in the evenings or parties are not permitted.
- Travel to Albury is accessible by plane, train, bus, and car. It is located 3.5 hours from Melbourne and Canberra, and 5.5 hours from Sydney by car.

Applications

- Support material must include artist biographies and can include a URL to past work.
- Applicants will be notified of assessment outcomes by Friday 5 May.
- Applicants are encouraged to talk through their applications with us before submitting. We are available up to Friday 14 April. You can request a meeting (in person, by phone or Zoom) by emailing residencies@fruitflycircus.com.au

APPLICATIONS

Please apply for Under Construction using this [APPLICATION LINK](#)
*Applicants who have difficulties accessing or submitting the online form should contact us on
02 6043 0777 or email residencies@fruitflycircus.com.au*

Applications must be received no later than 11.59pm, Sunday 16 April 2023

If you do not receive email acknowledgement within two working days, please contact us to ensure that your application has been received.