



## Ciarán Langford Memorial Bursary Application Form 2024

### Introduction

Backwater Artists Group are committed to supporting emerging artists through our Bursary and Post Graduate Programmes. We have been providing these awards since 1990 and since then, over 100 artists have benefited. Each year we provide graduates of the CIT Crawford College of Art & Design (CCAD) with one Ciarán Langford Memorial Bursary and one Moving Image Bursary. We also facilitate two Backwater Studios Graduate Residency Awards (aka 'Paint Store Bursaries') awarded by CCAD. This year we will also award an additional 4 graduates with one year membership of our Backwater Artists Network. Membership of our network creates opportunities for artists to share resources, develop their practice through peer-to-peer critique sessions, exclusive events, exhibitions, mentoring, access to curators and workshops.

Ciarán Langford (1964-1997) was an artist and valued member of Backwater Artists Group during the 1990s. He played an active part on the steering committee in those formative years. In 1992 whilst the studios were based in Pine Street it was decided to award two bursaries each year to graduates from CCAD, the first award of that kind in Cork. On moving to our permanent home at Wandesford Quay in 1999 Backwater Artists Group commemorated Ciarán's life and work by renaming the award The Ciarán Langford Memorial Bursary.

The Bursary will be awarded to a graduate who demonstrates talent and ambition in their work practice.

What we provide:

- full use of a studio for 6 months (October 2024 to March 2025)
- full access to Backwater's facilities including darkroom, digital suite, woodwork room, mitre press and underpinner
- a solo exhibition opportunity in our Studio 12 exhibition space or other venue to include technical support, artists fee and PR support. Please note: new work must be produced for this exhibition
- mentorship from a relevant art professional
- one year membership of our Backwater Artists Network

## Membership of Backwater Artists Network

- Profile page on Backwater Artists website
- Opportunity to attend networking events
- Opportunity to attend monthly Network meetings
- Opportunity to participate in group crits
- Opportunity to participate in our Visiting Curator Programme
- Opportunity to submit proposals for our in house and off site exhibition programme
- Eligibility to apply for a dedicated Backwater Artist Network project studio residency (6 months) at Backwater Artist Group
- Opportunity to participate in our CPD Programme

## Assessment Criteria

A sub-committee of Board members and/or our Studio Director will assess the applications submitted. The criteria used to assess applications for membership are as follows:

- The artist displays talent and ambition in their practice
- Quality of work as indicated by portfolio
- The artist must be willing to contribute to the studio group (see section 5)
- Overall quality of application
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Please submit application form and supporting material by email to **elaine@backwaterartists.ie** by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 5pm.**

## **1. PERSONAL DETAILS**

**Contact name:**

**Contact address:**

**Contact email address:**

**Contact phone number:**

**Website (if any):**

**Social media/blog links (if any):**

**Please submit an up to date CV and portfolio with your application. Further details in section 5.**

## 2. ART PRACTICE

**Artist Statement (max 300 words):** Clear, well written communication of what your art practice is about.

## 3. BURSARY/STUDIO USE

**How would you benefit by being awarded the Backwater Artists Group Ciarán Langford Memorial Bursary? (max 100 words)**

**What type of studio you require?** (sculpture, painting/mixed media, closed doors, communal studio in the attic)

**Please outline how you would use the studio? (max 200 words).** What aspects of your practice require the use of a studio, how many hours can you realistically spend in the studio per week and how do you think you would organise your time? e.g. mornings, evenings, 2 full days per week etc

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#### 4. SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Required fields in bold and marked with a \*

**Completed Application form in .doc or .pdf format \***

**Up to date CV in .doc or .pdf format \***

**Portfolio: Up to 10 good quality images clearly captioned to include Title, Medium, Dimensions, Year \***. These can be included on additional pages in this word document (and/or converted to pdf), sent as attachments in an email or sent via online file transfer (Wetransfer/Dropbox)

Videos where applicable can be included as video links (e.g. Vimeo/YouTube) or sent via online file transfer (Wetransfer/Dropbox) – provide details/titles below:

Catalogues & Book: Scans of pages you are featured in or post/deliver a hardcopy to the office (address below)

Reviews: Scanned copies of reviews or links to reviews online

Additional material/information (Please specify below)

Details of additional material/information submitted:

## 5. GOVERNANCE

Please note your information will be stored in compliance with GDPR requirements and will only be used to assess your eligibility for the available Bursary award at Backwater Artists Group in 2024. By submitting your application you are authorising Backwater Artists Group to contact you about the open call.

Signed:

Date:

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If you have any further queries please contact:



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