Background
The Cradle Coast Campus of the University of Tasmania (UTAS) has hosted an arts residency as part of its community engagement program since 2011.

The residency was established to provide opportunities to engage with the Cradle Coast Campus and the broader community, with reference to:

- Cultural identity
- Natural environment
- Regional identity

Artists may wish to provide new perspectives on the region through engagement with the community (culture and heritage), industry and/or landscape.

Although it is not a requirement for artists to work directly with students and staff at the campus, we would look favourably at projects which engage the Campus in some way.

The residency is open to artists working in any creative discipline including; visual arts, design, craft, film and literature as well as community arts practise.

Eligible Residency Costs:
- Artist fees
- Studio rent*
- Accommodation and meals
- Travelling expenses to and from the residency or associated with residency activities
- Purchase of art materials
- Event and or exhibition costs integral to your project

*Subsidised studio space is available at the nearby Makers' Workshop. Rental costs are dependent upon artist’s requirements. Indicative costs can be provided by the Campus.
Makers' Workshop: www.discoverburnie.net

The residency must be undertaken in the period: 1st February 2013 to 1st November 2013.

The Region
The Cradle Coast region in North West Tasmania has a dispersed population of approximately 107,000 people across nine municipal areas.

The region is known for its unique and diverse environment - from serene, rural landscapes to rugged mountain and coastal areas. The region has a high quality fresh and value-added food sector, mild temperate climate and rich volcanic soils. Its economy has been supported by a strong manufacturing base built on mining, forestry and agricultural sectors; however the region has witnessed a decline in employment in these industries in recent years.

The Cradle Coast Campus is minutes away from beaches, farmland and less than two hours drive from World Heritage listed Cradle Mountain, the Tarkine wilderness and rugged West Coast. The region has two regional art galleries, in Devonport and Burnie as well as a vibrant community arts sector.

For further information about the Cradle Coast region go to http://www.cradlecoast.com

The Campus
The Campus has an enrolment of 1000 full- and part-time students, more than half of whom are over the age of 25. It includes an Institute for Regional Development,
Tasmanian Institute for Agricultural Research and nearby Rural Clinical School. The Primary Industries Centre for Science Education is also located on the campus.

For further information:  
http://www.cradle-coast.utas.edu.au

Eligibility

The Cradle Coast Campus, UTAS is inviting applications from:

- Experienced arts practitioners who can demonstrate a minimum of three (3) years experience in their art form.
- Tasmanian, international and interstate artists
- Post-graduate students (undergraduate students are ineligible)

Nb. Applications from collaborating artists and artists able to bring additional grant money from other sources to the project are welcome.

Selection Criteria

The Cradle Coast campus is seeking exciting and innovative residency proposals which respond to:

- The natural landscape of the region
- Regional culture
- Interconnectedness between individuals, families, businesses sectors and institutions

Applicants should refer to these criteria in when designing their project.

The principle focus of the residency is engagement between the local community and the Campus and/or the region. Artists should include mention of their experience in engaging with diverse groups and communities in their proposal. The Campus can assist artists by providing contacts and networks relevant to the residency.

Artists may work in any art form or a combination of art forms including literature, visual arts, design and craft. Consideration will also be given to performing arts and research-based proposals.

How to apply

Artists should download a Cradle Coast Campus 2013 Artist in Residence Application Form from the website:

http://www.cradle-coast.utas.edu.au

Please note: Only digital applications will be accepted. It is strongly recommended that artists discuss their proposal prior to lodging an application.

Enquiries

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Applications should be submitted to: Tina.Walker@utas.edu.au

Applications close 18 October 2012.
Artists will be notified by end November 2012.