

Creative Spaces Aboriginal Creative Studio Space 2026

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Licence Application

* indicates a required field

Introduction

Operating since 2008, [Creative Spaces](#) is a City of Melbourne program providing affordable work and exhibition space and soft infrastructure via the Creative Spaces website. Currently supporting more than 150 artists and creative organisations, the program has a strong reputation and is seen as a leader in creative space provision.

Now, Creative Spaces is pleased to offer a studio space at [Boyd Studios](#) for 5 months, free of charge, to the successful applicant.

The aim of the Aboriginal Creative Studio Space 2026 is to support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artists to advance their practice through the provision of a studio space to create and grow.

Applicants are advised to read the [guidelines](#) thoroughly before proceeding with an application.

This is an application for a Creative Spaces Licence. Please ensure that you fill out all fields for your application to be considered.

Email creativespaces@melbourne.vic.gov.au or call 03 9658 9893 with any queries regarding the application process.

Eligibility

In submitting my application, I agree to the following:

- I have read and understood the Aboriginal Creative Studio Space 2026 guidelines and my proposal meets the application requirements, conditions and eligibility.
- I am an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artist.
- Only one application may be submitted.
- My application may not be accepted if it is not lodged by the stated close date through SmartyGrants (or by other means in agreement with program staff) or does not have all the required materials.
- I understand that this opportunity is for October 2026 - February 2027

Do you comply with the above eligibility? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No. You are not eligible to submit an application.

Applicant Details

* indicates a required field

Applicant *

- ☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

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Organisation Name

Title

First Name

Last Name

This person will be listed as the primary licensee

If sharing the studio, please indicate if you are the primary contact person

☐ I am the primary contact person for administrative purposes

Only one person entering a shared studio should tick this box

If you intend to apply with others, please provide additional applicant names, separated by a comma. Note: Only one application is required per group.

Applicant Trading Name

Applicant ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Applicant Postal Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

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Applicant Primary Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Website (optional)

I confirm that I am over the age of 18 years *

☐ Yes

Applicants must be over the age of 18 to qualify for a studio

Emergency Contact

Title First Name Last Name

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Connection/Association with the person

Emergency Contact Primary Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Emergency Contact Primary Email Address

Your creative practice

* indicates a required field

Would you describe yourself as *

- ☐ An emerging artist or a start-up arts organisation
- ☐ A mid-career artist or a semi-established arts organisation
- ☐ An established artist or an established arts organisation
- ☐ Other:

Art form

What is your practice? (select all that apply) *

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| ☐ Painting | ☐ Film/Sound | ☐ Product Design/Industrial Design |
| ☐ Works on Paper (Drawing, Printing etc.) | ☐ Photography | ☐ Interior Design/Architecture |
| ☐ Writing/Publishing | ☐ Conceptual Art/Installation Art | ☐ Graphic Artist/Graphic Design |

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| ☐ Theatre/Performance | ☐ Ceramics | ☐ Fashion Design/Costume Design |
| ☐ Live Music | ☐ Sculpture | ☐ Textiles |
| ☐ Dance | ☐ Jewellery | ☐ Community and Cultural Development |
| ☐ Digital Multimedia/Games | | |

Creative Spaces facilities are generally suited to quiet and non-odorous forms of art. Licence applications for noisy, odorous or toxic forms of art such as practices that require kilns, open flames, power tools, loud music, aerosol cans, oil paints or sanding may be considered ineligible.

Proposal

Tell us about your practice (include a description of any tools or equipment that you use) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Describe how you will use the studio space at Boyd Studios *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Describe how the studio space at Boyd Studios will benefit and extend your practice. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Access

Do you have any access requirements we should know about? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Outline any access requirements

Supporting Material

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Support materials that could strengthen your application might include; artistic CV, examples of your arts practice (current, proposed or past works), industry support letter/s, social media and/or website links.

You can provide either a webpage link to your most recent works (can be social media or webpage) or alternatively upload a minimum of 3 and up to 6 images of your work below.

Link(s) to your work online

Upload CV / file(s)

Attach a file:

Tip: You can select multiple files from the same folder on your computer to upload them at the same time.

Upload file(s)

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Advocating for the Creative Spaces program

How would you be able to advocate for the Creative Spaces program? (select all options that apply)

- ☐ Tag Creative Spaces in social media posts
- ☐ Mention Creative Spaces or my studio in my social media bios
- ☐ Acknowledge Creative Spaces or my studio on my website
- ☐ Mention my studio or Creative Spaces as part of a media article/interview
- ☐ Include the Creative Spaces program acknowledgement and/or logo on either event materials, an artwork description or elsewhere
- ☐ Other:

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Demographics Data - Council Requirement

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What age group do you fit in? *

- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65+

How do you identify? *

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Please indicate if you identify with one or more of the following groups:

- ☐ Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Culturally and Linguistically Diverse
- ☐ Living with a disability
- ☐ From regional or remote communities
- ☐ LGBTQI+

Why are you interested in a Creative Spaces studio? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Access to the city
- ☐ Location
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Connection to other artists
- ☐ Security
- ☐ Council-run facility
- ☐ Reputation of good management
- ☐ Other:

Creative Spaces program requirements

Please read and agree to the following Creative Spaces program requirements before submitting your application *

- ☐ I commit to using the studio as a space for production of artistic work at least two times a week on average
- ☐ I am willing to participate in Creative Spaces initiatives and advocate for the program
- ☐ I understand that I will need to provide evidence of my Public Liability Insurance
- ☐ I understand that all my electrical items must be tested and tagged and I will complete an online building evacuation module within the first 4 weeks of my licence
- ☐ If successful, I agree to attend a site visit (if I have not already)

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Submit your application

By ticking this box, I abide by the terms above and confirm that all my information is true and correct. *

☐ Yes

How did you hear about this opportunity? *

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| ☐ Creative Spaces mailing list (email) | ☐ Advertisement on Facebook | ☐ Social Media (other than Creative Spaces or City of Melbourne) |
| ☐ Creative Spaces website | ☐ Creative Spaces Twitter | ☐ Artshub |
| ☐ Creative Spaces Instagram | ☐ Creative Spaces LinkedIn | ☐ Word of mouth |
| ☐ Advertisement on Instagram | ☐ City of Melbourne website | ☐ Google search |
| ☐ Creative Spaces Facebook | | |