

RESIDENCIES 2022

V.O Residencies provide emerging and lesser represented artists with the time and space to research and develop new work. The 2022 V.O Residency Programme will host six artists across three sessions, inviting practitioners to experiment and create new work in an open and supportive environment. Residents are provided with free studio space, critical and practical support, the opportunity to present a solo exhibition, and access to useful resources and a broad network of individuals and organisations. V.O aims to bring together diverse voices and encourages applicants from all backgrounds. The V.O Residency Programme is focused on promoting artistic exchange, socially-focused discourse and knowledge production.

V.O Residencies are open to artists in their first five years of professional practice and with less than three solo exhibitions. During the residency, artists will be provided with studio space at V.O Studios Mayfair. They will have the opportunity to engage in critical and ongoing dialogue about their practice and work with the V.O founders, Zina Vielle and Nnamdi Obiekwe, and programme curator, Kate Wong, as well as an invited external mentor. During their time in residence, artists are invited to take part in V.O Open Studios, a quarterly event that provides studio practitioners with the opportunity to showcase their work to other artists and interested audiences.

Each resident is invited to present a solo exhibition or project at V.O Gallery, and will have the possibility of producing a publication or print project related to the work they have developed while in residence. Artists are also invited to donate a work to V.O Curations that represents the thinking and work done during their residency.

2021 Residents: Motoko Ishibashi, Rhea Dillon, Reem Shadid, Gray Wielebinski, Josephine Baker, Michael and Chiyan Ho, R.I.P. Germain, Chris Zhongtian Yuan, Dala Nasser

2021 Mentors: Anthea Hamilton, Matt Williams, Margot Norton, Dr. Nicole Wolf, Pope.L, Revital Cohen and Tuur Van Balen, Weng Xiaoyu

2022 Sessions

The applications for our 2022 Residencies are now open.

Session 1

Residency period: 10.01 - 29.04

- Application deadline: 10am GMT, 8 November 2021
- Shortlist announced: 15 November 2021
- Residents selected: 29 November 2021

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Session 2

Residency period: 03.05 - 19.08

- Application deadline: 10am GMT, 31 January 2022
- Shortlist announced: 14 February 2022
- Residents selected: 21 February 2022

Session 3

Residency period: 01.09 - 20.12

- Application deadline: 10am GMT, 6 June 2022
- Shortlist announced: 20 June 2022
- Residents selected: 27 June 2022

Artists in residence are provided with:

- Grant: £250
- Production budget: £1000 is provided to each resident. Any additional production costs will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- Studio space at V.O Studios Mayfair (24/7 access, approximately 25m2)
- The opportunity to develop and present a solo exhibition, and any related public programming, at V.O Gallery
- The opportunity to produce a publication or other print project related to the work developed in residence
- Transportation for moving studio materials at the start and end of the residency
- Critical and practical support from V.O founders and programme curator
- Meetings with one external mentor, to be selected and approached together prior to the start of the residency period
- Option to take part in V.O Open Studios

Application Process

Applications for our 2022 Residency Programme are now open. Applications can be made from now until the deadlines listed above.

To apply please send an email to residency@vocurations.com with the following:

Portfolio of work

- PDF of no longer than 30 pages.

Proposal

- Artist Residencies: in no more than 750 words, introduce your practice, and provide a proposal for the work you would like to develop while in residence at V.O. Please indicate whether you would like to present a solo exhibition, performance or project in another format, and also indicate if you would be interested in producing a publication or other print item. Please put forth the names of five potential mentors - artists, curators, researchers, writers, gallerists etc. - that you would like the opportunity to work with during your residency.

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Subject line

- Indicate which residency session you are applying for in the subject line of your email with the following format: *V.O Residency Application - Session 1, 2 or 3*

Selection Criteria

V.O aims to promote emerging and underrepresented voices and therefore encourages applicants from all backgrounds. Our residency programme is open to artists, curators and researchers in the first five years of their practice and with less than five solo exhibitions. Prospective residents will be selected on the following criteria:

- Quality and commitment of work
- Critical engagement with social, political, economic, and cultural issues
- Unique perspective and approach
- Interest and willingness to work collaboratively
- Clarity and focus of proposal

Selection Process

A shortlist of artists will be established for each session from the applications received. Together with one external judge, the shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview over Zoom. Selections will be based on the applicant's portfolio and quality of their proposal, further details below.

About V.O Curations

V.O Curations is a not for profit arts organisation located in central London dedicated to supporting emerging and lesser represented artists through an innovative, socially-engaged and conceptually rigorous programme of residencies, exhibitions, events, publications and affordable studio spaces.

Founded in 2018 by Zina Vieille and Nnamdi Obiekwe, V.O Curations believes that to curate is to approach all aspects of its programme with care. We aim to promote diverse voices and narratives across all of our activities and collaborations, and to facilitate artistic exchange, socially-focused discourse, knowledge production, and experimentation. V.O is focused on cultivating a sense of community, promoting collaboration, and encouraging active learning rather than passive viewing.

The V.O gallery and project spaces, along with close to fifty artist studios are located at 56 Conduit Street. We have additional studio locations in Aldgate, Angel and St. James.

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