

CÚRAM Artist Commission in Eastside, Galway

Introduction to CÚRAM

CÚRAM is the Science Foundation Ireland funded Centre for Research in Medical Devices, and is located in the National University of Ireland, Galway. Established in 2015, our aim is to improve the quality of life for patients suffering from chronic illness. We intend to do this by developing and enhancing the next generation of medical devices that target chronic illnesses like heart disease, diabetes and neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimers and Parkinson's Disease. The artist in residence programme was created by Andrea Fitzpatrick in 2015, and has since been incorporated into the CÚRAM public engagement programme. We aim to inspire and engage the next generation of scientists and engineers and provide access to information, on the cutting edge scientific research happening, here in Ireland.

In partnership with the Galway City Arts Office, we are now inviting proposals from artists across Ireland who are interested in working as part of CÚRAM's public engagement programme, which supports Science Foundation Ireland's objective of 'having the most scientifically informed and engaged public'. CÚRAM's Art and Science programme creates links between the scientific and artistic communities to support the art-science discipline while increasing interest in science and current research.

Specifically, we invite artists to propose ideas for an ambitious and contemporary permanent artwork in the Eastside community in Galway, for display in a public indoor space as specified by the artist and community.

The artwork must both acknowledge the various communities of Eastside and celebrate its connection to CÚRAM and the Medical Technology Industry. The artwork will help to create a sense of ownership of the communities' collective future health and the role that the CÚRAM research will play in this.

The artist will work with one of the following three themes:

- Cardiovascular research – Researcher: Professor William Wijns
- Soft and hard tissue regeneration – Researcher: Dr Dimitrios Zeugolis
- Biomaterials and the body – Researcher – Dr Manus Biggs

Applicant must include a research phase within Galway's Eastside and a production phase for the final artwork.

Application information:

Please send a proposal of the project including timeline and budget, an up to date Curriculum Vitae, and examples of previous work.

Deadline for the receipt of applications is 5pm, June 21st 2019.

Submissions to be sent to Andrea.Fitzpatrick@nuigalway.ie

Submission for this commission must include:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. An outline proposal and concept for the project
3. Detailed sketches which explain the proposal, minimum 2 x A4 drawings or alternative expression.
4. Detailed budget breakdown, inclusive of all costs, including tax and insurance details (public liability cover indemnifying the school), as well as material and fabrication costs, design costs, artist fee, transport and site costs.
5. Examples of previous work (maximum 15 images).

The artist must be tax compliant and all submissions must comply with relevant Health and Safety regulations.

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Applications will be assessed on the following criteria

- Applications must be received before the deadline
- Accompanying material must be submitted to demonstrate the track record of the artist
- Evidence of continued artistic growth and development
- The proposed work should demonstrate how the community of interest will be linked to the science community at CÚRAM
- The proposed work must demonstrate the project's ability to extend or enhance the community's understanding of CÚRAM's research
- The applicant should address how your project contributes to the dialogue on the importance of art and science within the community
- Ambition of the artistic proposal which indicates the applicant's efforts to build the capacity of the art and science area

- Degree of innovation of the proposal
- Financial management and excellent budgeting
- Falls within Health and Safety Guidelines

Assessment of Applications Received

Applications must be received with all material by 5pm, June 21st. No submissions will be accepted after this date. Your application will be categorised and if it falls outside of guidelines, it will be disqualified. All eligible applications will be considered by a selection panel, appointed by Galway City Council and CÚRAM.

You will be assessed on the following:

- The clarity of the proposal objectives and description
- A well planned timeline
- The capacity of the applicant to complete the proposed artwork successfully
- Budget management and evaluation
- Track record as an artist
- Quality of the proposal
- Clear public engagement objectives
- Experience working with a community of interest
- Any relevant experience considering the nature of this commission
- Innovation detailed in the proposal
- Consideration of your reasons for applying for the commission

Assessment Criteria

1. About you	Completed Application Form	
	Track Record	
	Suitability	
2. Your Project	Artistic Merit	
	Ability to Engage the Eastside Community	
	Ability to create interest in science and art	
	Ability to create interest in CÚRAM research	
	Financial	
	Commitment to excellence	
3. How?	Capacity to carry out proposal	
	Resources – has the applicant considered all that is needed for their proposal?	
4. Who will benefit from the project?	On which objectives of the Galway Cultural Strategy and the Galway City Arts Plan does this have the most, if any, impact?	

The artists will be expected to:

- Engage with Eastside communities to create a piece of work which represents CÚRAM's engagement in the community and how the community of Westside links to the Medical Technology sector
- Create a plan which engages the community fully

And on selection as the commissioned artist:

- Prepare a 15-20 minute talk to introduce their work to staff and researchers at CÚRAM
- Use the studio space to develop your work
- Make connections and engage with other researchers who are involved in the designated research area
- Link in with participants in the other residency programmes ; Teachers in Residence and Filmmakers in Residence
- Publish examples of ongoing research on Facebook and Twitter (to be approved by the project manager)

Andrea Fitzpatrick manages the Art and Science Programme and interested artists should contact her to visit CÚRAM laboratories and speak to researchers or with any further questions.

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<http://curamdevices.ie/curam/public-engagement/artists-in-residence/>