

STUDIO RESIDENCY @NAFA

OVERVIEW

The Studio Residency @NAFA (SR @NAFA) aims to support exceptional students, staff and alumni for professional development and foster collaboration and interdisciplinary exchange amongst staff, alumni, practising artists and designers locally and internationally.

The SR awards the selected applicant studio space, where they are also allowed access to various workshops and facilities for their creations during the residency. The 1 to 2-month residency programme enables candidates to create, interact, collaborate and build professional networks.

In addition, NAFA residency participants may interact with other invited local or international artists or designers during the residency.

WHAT DOES THE STUDIO RESIDENCY COVERS?

Apart from studio space and access to various workshops and facilities, applicants can specify other support areas needed during their residency. Workshops are subject to availability during the residency. The Special Projects Unit (SPU) will work closely with residents to accommodate their needs. Residents are expected to be self-sufficient; limited technical support will be available.

Applicants may explore the resources and facilities at NAFA at <https://www.nafa.edu.sg/about-nafa/campus/campus-facilities>

The residency does not cover the cost of material for the creation of works.

A token fee is to be paid by resident artist or designer, as indicated in the table below:

Resident	Amount per month
Alumni	\$200
Staff	\$200
Students from NAFA Talent Development Programme (NTDP)	Nil

Applicants can apply for either a 1-month or 2-month residency.

WHEN

The SR takes place from June to July (Special Term). The table below lists the key dates:

Residency Period	Apply by:	Notified by:
9 June to 27 July 2025	1 March 2025	15 May 2025

SPECIFICATIONS

Roles and Responsibilities

The Special Projects Unit (SPU) of the Planning and Projects Office (PPO) administers the call for applications, interviews and approvals of proposals. Candidates will be reviewed by a selection panel composed of staff from SPU, Student Services Division (for alumni applicants) and the Academic Division.

Eligibility

All students from NAFA Talent Development Programme, faculty staff and alumni.
Individual or collective may apply.

Students and recent graduates must:

- demonstrate evident artistic traits and high potential to excel in the arts and design sectors
- show strong desire, determination, commitment and passion for excelling in their creative practice
- have a strong portfolio of works

Alumni and staff must:

- demonstrate commitment and passion in their artistic/creative practice
- have a strong track record and excellent portfolio

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application

Submit the application form along with the following to spu@nafa.edu.sg, indicating

“Application for Studio Residency @NAFA” as the subject line:

- Artist / Designer Statement
- Residency Proposal
- Plans and Milestones
- Curriculum Vitae with two supporting references
- Portfolio

The Application Form and all supporting materials should be sent as attachments, in PDF (.pdf) format. Please ensure that the total file size does not exceed 5MB. Alternatively, you may send a link to access the required documents or share a link to an online portfolio.

The application window is as follows:

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1 March 2025	15 May 2025

Selection and Assessment

The selection panel will review the applicant’s artistic strength, track record and residency project plan. Selection of artists/designers will also consider the potential exchange and discussion that may benefit the collective group of NAFA residents.

Applicants may be called for an interview by a selection panel composed of staff from SPU, Student Services Division (SSD) and the Academic Division.

Award

Upon acceptance into the SR, successful applicants will each pay a one-time, non-refundable programme fee, as indicated in the table below:

Resident	Amount per month
Alumni	\$200
Staff	\$200
Students from NAFA Talent Development Programme (NTDP)	Nil

Deliverables

Introductory Presentation

Participants will make an introductory portfolio presentation in the first week of the residency.

During Residency

Residents will do weekly sharing on their progress. Participants are strongly encouraged to document their process and archive their final works for the NAFA Studio Residency portfolio. During the residency, participating artists/designers will have to conduct talks, workshops, or masterclasses.

End of Residency

Participants are expected to put up a showcase at the end of the residency. They will be invited to contribute a piece of artwork (where applicable) to NAFA, which will be presented to NAFA donors or donors of the programme.

A Post-Residency Evaluation is to be submitted within a month of the residency's completion.

For further enquiries, please email to spu@nafa.edu.sg.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. Am I allowed to choose the studio space for the residency?

A. Studio spaces are pre-allocated for different art forms. You may indicate your preferred space or facilities, which will be allocated at the selection panel's discretion.

Q. Can I stay overnight in the studio?

A. No, it is not allowed due to safety and security reasons.

Q. Do I have 24-hour access to the studio and facilities?

A. No, access to the allocated studio and facilities are dependent on NAFA's operating hours.

Q. Can I bring my friends or acquaintances into the studio, should I require assistance?

A. No, assistants or any other working personnel are not allowed unless they were declared during the application and approved by the selection panel.

Q. Can I apply for both SRP @NAFA and the Special Projects Award at the same time?

A. Yes, you may apply for both at the same time. The applications will be assessed based on the criteria for each programme.

Q. Is there a penalty if I did not meet the deliverables?

A. There is no penalty; however, you will not be considered for any future applications for programmes under SPU.

Performing Arts

Q. Am I allowed using multiple spaces for the residency? E.g. I would require a studio space for rehearsals and performance conceptualisation and another area for the actual performance.

A. Yes, you may indicate the spaces required during your application, which are subjected to availability. SPU will confirm the spaces needed before the start of the residency.

Q. Am I granted access to NAFA's props, costumes and set inventory for the residency?

A. Yes, it will be subjected to approval by the Dean (SOAMDT). Applicants should indicate the request during application.

Q. What other support will be given to me during the residency?

A. SPU will provide you with archival and documentation support for the development/rehearsal process and actual performance. Residents have to inform SPU on the required technical support needed during the residency.

Visual Arts

Q. Am I allowed painting the walls of the studio?

A. No.

Q. Am I allowed drilling the walls of the studio?

A. No. You may only use blu tack or 3M tape should you need to hang or attach items on the wall. The walls have to be reinstated to its original condition.

Q. Can I store my materials in the studio space?

A. Yes, you may store your materials for the duration of the residency.

For NAFA Staff

Q. As a NAFA part-time staff, can the residency fee be covered by the faculty?

A. No, HR will only cover full-time staff under the Learning and Development scheme.

Q. As a NAFA staff, do I have to seek my RO's permission before applying for the residency programme?

A. You are strongly encouraged to seek your RO's approval if you have been assigned duties by him/her during the Special Term.

Q. Can this residency programme be considered as part of NAFA staff Learning and Development?

A. Yes, the programme can be considered as part of your L&D. SPU will assist in sending the hours to HR for the record.

Q. I am a NAFA administrative staff who have an artistic practice. Am I eligible for this mentorship programme?

A. Yes, the programme includes administrative staff from faculty. For administrative staff from other offices who wish to apply, the same selection criteria apply; the application will be assessed and reviewed by the selection panel.

Q. Can the residency happen at another vacation period?

A. No, the SRP @NAFA only takes place during the Special Term (June and July).

Q. I am a NAFA staff/student/alumnus, can I apply for this residency in collaboration with another artist who is not part of the NAFA community?

A. You may apply for the residency as a collective, with you as the Primary applicant and at least 50% of the members being either a NAFA staff/student/alumnus.