

The MacDowell Colony Residency

What is this Residency?

The MacDowell Colony and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland have agreed a special initiative, which will support the residency of a Northern Irish creative artist at the MacDowell Colony in 2008. The Residency can last for a maximum of 8 weeks. Within an overall limit of £5,000 this award covers the cost of the residency, travel, insurance and necessary art material of up to £500.

What does it offer?

This residency offers established artists engaged in the creation of new work opportunities for concentrated focus in a retreat environment, where artists may learn directly from peers about other programmes, techniques, and career options. MacDowell's library has directories and information on hand about other residency programmes in the United States and abroad. The opportunity to be with artists of one's own and different disciplines is a hallmark of the MacDowell experience. Friendships and connections made during the residency often has a lasting effect on an artist's life and work.

Who can apply?

Artists with professional standing in their fields, as well as emerging artists. Disciplines include Architecture, Film/Video Arts, Interdisciplinary Arts, Literature & Drama, Music Composition, and Visual Arts.

How do I apply?

The MacDowell Colony Residency differs in its procedure from other ACNI arranged residencies. Applicants must apply **directly** to The MacDowell Colony using the Colony's application form and guidelines. Copies of these can be downloaded from the MacDowell Colony website at [http://www.macdowellcolony.org/
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How are decisions taken?

The MacDowell Colony will assess applications and, in consultation with the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, make decisions on offers of Residency. The Colony will then inform the successful applicant directly.

How long will it take?

Applicants will be notified of decisions approximately eight weeks after the deadline for applications.