



- Position:** Ceramics Internship
- Hours:** 30 hours per week over 4 days including some evenings and weekends
- Role benefits:** Stipend of £150 per week
Free studio and workshop access 1 day per week for personal practice (equivalent of £36 per day for 7 days)
Shared, simple self-catering accommodation for the duration of the placement (equivalent to £30 per night for 49 nights)
- Contract:** Fixed term, 7 weeks
Monday 26 October — Monday 14 December 2020
- Reporting to:** Programme and Communications Manager
- Deadline:** Friday 13 March 2020, 12pm GMT
- Date for Interview:** Tuesday 24 March 2020
We will aim to respond to applicants by Friday 27 March 2020

About SSW

Scottish Sculpture Workshop (SSW) is a making facility based within the rural village of Lumsden, Aberdeenshire. Through artistic experimentation, collaboration and the sharing of ideas, tools and skills SSW empowers artists to make. The core programme is formed through the facilitation of artist residencies, the delivery of artists' projects and the provision of public workshop facilities. We do this with support of both national and international partnerships. Please visit our website at www.ssw.org.uk/ for more information about SSW.

SSW Values

For 40 years SSW has been a site for empowerment and exchange. We continue to build on this ethos and remain committed to these founding ideas. The values that underpin our work are to:

- Create a respectful, compassionate and kind mutual learning environment where people feel able to express their ideas, make without judgement and ask questions without fear of reprisal.
- Believe everybody has significant, valuable skills to bring to the SSW site and programme. Provide a space where people can speak and make, safely and securely.
- Common making skills and equipment; we ensure the tools, facilities and knowledges held within SSW are accessible to all.
- Place the practice of listening as core to our working methods.
- Be ethical and fair in all of our work.
- Place equal value on all our work whether at a local, regional, national or international level.

Ceramics Internship

This internship programme provides hands-on learning for people interested in developing experience of working in a busy ceramics workshop within a rural workshop facility. Our ceramics workshop offers artists the space, specialist advice and equipment to develop their work in an experimental and supportive environment, dedicated to creative and innovative practice with ceramics.

As the Ceramics Intern, you will be working with the SSW Ceramics Technician; assisting with daily tasks that support use of the workshop by regular users and residency artists. You will also support on the planning and delivery of evening classes and have access to the workshops for one day per week to develop your personal practice.

At the time of this internship, SSW will be delivering the Graduate Award Programme which brings together 4 recent graduates from art colleges across Scotland to make new work and learn new skills within a supportive environment and community. Alongside we will be running our regular ceramics sessions, which offer access to the workshop for local artists and makers, a new evening class for beginners to ceramics and Open Access across all of our workshops.

Role and Responsibilities

This role provides the successful applicant with the opportunity to work with artists and makers in the development of their practices. You will learn how to support people with varying skill levels and experience, diverse practices and approaches, and build on your existing skills in ceramics-focused practice. We hope that through this role we are able to nurture skills and knowledge in ceramics within contemporary arts and create a space for collective learning and exchange. The role includes:

- Supporting the Ceramics Technician on tasks involved in the day-to-day running of a busy ceramics workshop
- Supporting the artists who use the workshop, through residency, open access, courses and regular sessions
- Developing knowledge of building, glazing and firing techniques
- Learning and actioning best practice around ceramics workshop health and safety
- Other duties as agreed with the Ceramics Technician and Programme and Communications Manager.

Person Specification

- Personable, friendly, questioning and enthusiastic
- Willingness to learn and follow instructions, as well as take initiative where appropriate
- Good verbal communication skills
- Excellent team worker
- Good organisational skills and attention to detail
- Able to prioritise work and complete work to a high standard within agreed timeframes
- Knowledge and understanding of working with materials, with some experience of working in ceramics
- Passion and keen interest for supporting artists, contemporary arts practice and related discourse/ action
- Flexible, with ability to accommodate changes in working days and tasks when required

The SSW website contains information about SSW's various projects, residency programmes and community activities, and will provide you with a good overview of our activity: www.ssw.org.uk/

We are interested in working with people who have not yet had access to similar opportunities, who are active in their learning and approach and are willing to contribute to shaping their collective experience here.

We are open to applications for this role from people currently in education, but not through the ERASMUS+ programme. We offer separate opportunities for ERASMUS exchange.

Application

All applicants should use our online application form (link on website page) to apply and we advise you to complete your application offline until it is ready to be submitted, as the contents of the form cannot be saved before submission. You will be asked to submit:

- An outline of why you are interested in the role, what you would bring to it and why this opportunity would be of benefit to you (max 500 words)
- A CV (max one page). This gives us an idea of your current work circumstances and history
- Details of one referee.
- Any information relating to your personal circumstances, if applicable. This could include details of any access needs.

To support people to access this opportunity, we accept audio/ video applications. You are welcome to submit an application in this format if you prefer. There is space to link to this on the online form. In the other boxes, please write "see video/audio".

If you have problems using the online submission platform, or you have any questions relevant to your application, please email: jenny@ssw.org.uk.