

Thank you for your applying for **3 MONTH FTR membership INCUBATOR STUDIO at designermakers21**.
Please do not feel pressured by the questions below – they are designed to help us get to know you better.

Personal information

Name: Preferred pronouns (*if you would like to specify them*)

Do you have any access requirements that we need to be aware of and that you are happy to share Y/N (*we can discuss this face to face when you visit*)

Address:

Telephone number:

Email address:

What is your Business or Trading name:

Please share any website and social media links where you share your work. (*this is so we can look at examples of your work. If you do not have any please attach some photographs to your application or bring some into designermakers21*)

- Social media links (*e.g. Instagram/facebook*)
- Your website link
- Other online links you would like to share
- Any exhibitions you have been involved in
- Anywhere that you teach your craft/art/design
- Please share any locations where your work is exhibited or for sale

Please Describe your work and your practice: *tell us all about what you create, how you make it, we would like to know about your journey as a maker.*

Please share a little more about you as a maker: *What excites you about your work, what are the challenges, where do you see the next stage in your creative journey? What would you consider a huge success?*

We need to know a little about the processes you use that we need to take into considerations when considering a potential studio space? *(for example: do you need access to water or a wet area, does your practice create dust or noise, do you use toxic materials, would you need pourpoints, what kind of equipment would you be likely to bring?)*

Accessing the studio

We are open to the public every Thursday to Saturday 10-5 and expect members to attend at least 2 of these days most weeks, including Saturdays. How often would you intend to use the studio. Do you have any other employment or commitments that will affect your studio hours? (This includes teaching or specialist markets and events)

What is a 3 MONTH FTR INCUBATOR STUDIO member at designermakers21?

designermakersCIO's mission is to support and promote the value of heritage & contemporary crafts, artists and designers; our FTR studios provide opportunities for you to develop creativity and build creative careers. designermakers21 is open to the public from 10-5pm every Thursday, Friday & Saturday. We love what we do. We have successfully offered Guest memberships (FTRs) over a number of years: they have studio space and are thriving & developing within our varied creative community. We now also offer the new INCUBATOR FTR membership; three to four makers will join us for each period of three months, working as a small group of makers in their personal studio spaces upstairs. It is a great way to develop your creative network, to learn & grow within a creative community

We are open to applications from makers in all disciplines and different levels of experience

We offer you

- **Your own studio, within a larger room, providing you with space to exhibit and to create.**
- **Secure studio access 7 days a week; you will commit to being in your studio at least 2 of the 3 days that we are open to the public each week.**
- **Low Rent - £75 a month (plus 20% commission on sales)**
- **Structured support from our FTR Mentor**
- **A showcase exhibition in one of our Galleries at the end of your residency..**
 - **The opportunity to host a workshop when you are ready if you would like to, we will mentor you though this (You will be paid a flat fee by dmCIO and all workshop fees go to dmCIO. Elaine will explain this to you in more detail) (you would not be able to host or run other workshops during this residency)**
- **Promotion in our newsletter, website and on our social media. Promotion on the EAAF website**
- **Time to grow your practise in a supportive and interested community, building your audience.**
- **The opportunity to join with our designermakers21 events**

What we expect from you

These are a closed opportunity with a time limited to 3 months but a great way to gain all the experience of working in a collaboration of artists, designers and makers. We operate as an open studio Thursday-Saturday where the public and customers can visit the building and the makers to discuss process, commission work and make purchases. It is a really positive way to develop a customer base and find ways to market yourself as an artist or artisan maker

- you would be expected to attend 2-3 days a week that we are open: Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- you will be expected to provide your own materials, designermakers21 does not provide materials for members
- you would be expected to make on site and engage with visitors talking about your practice, and your process
- we are open from 10-5 and expect you to be present for the full hours all days that you are in
- Elaine is available to support and guide you: please use the time effectively and give Elaine any concerns and feedback on your experience
- you will need to sign and meet our code of conduct agreement
- you must leave the studio and the furniture, clean and tidy at the end of the 3-month residency. Please make good the walls and take away all your belongings
- **YOU MUST Have your own PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE (PLI).** This is available from several places for around £40 a year. (a-n.co.uk Artist Newsletter provides good PLI cover when you subscribe, at a very reasonable price. https://www.a-n.co.uk/join_in/article/663847 but there are other providers too)
- **START MONTHS ARE APRIL, JULY, OCTOBER. PLEASE INDICATE ANY PREFERENCE**

Visit us in person, talk to our FTR mentor Elaine, or visit our website to find out more.

Why become an Incubator FTR at designermakers21?

designermakersCIO are a Charity Incorporated organisation: we “aim to promote, improve and advance education in and appreciation of the arts...through the facilitation and management of workshops and training courses in different design and craft skills, for people living in East Anglia and beyond, with the aim of engaging them in creative activities as a medium for learning”.(our mission):

We are proud of our community and our vision. We are interested in why you have decided to apply for one of our Incubator Fixed Term Residencies. Please share your thought on the following

- What do you know about us
- how would you work with and contribute to the designermakers21 community.
- We are looking for skill and innovation in the application of ideas, use of materials and quality in terms of the finished product. How would you demonstrate this?
- how do you think we can help you achieve your commercial and craft / artistic / design aims.

Please attach at least four, low resolution, JPGS of recent, relevant work with your application

We recommend saving your images so the file size of each is less than 2mb. And dpi resolution of 2-300.

All images should be labelled in this format: **your name_ title of piece_materials_price.**

For example **Humpleby_1_orlando_ceramic_1100**

Please send your images together with you completed application at the same time

Please email your application to fr@designermakerscio.org.uk or give directly to the studio – 21 St Nicholas Street, Diss, Norfolk IP22 4LB.

We will reply promptly but will need time look at your work

thank you for applying

