

**Application for Residency**  
**University of Calgary Dance Alumni Choreographic Residency Program**

**Description**

The University of Calgary Dance Alumni Choreographic Residency Program is a program that aims to facilitate the choreographic growth of University of Calgary's Dance Program graduates. The residency works to support the research, development, and/or final phase of production for independent choreographers that are also University of Calgary Dance Program graduates. Artists-in-residence are granted rehearsal space *free of charge* to work on self-directed projects that are targeted for production. During the residency, artists will have access to one studio at the University of Calgary for a maximum of 60 hours between May 1 and August 31. This arrangement is designed to allow artists the time and space to hone their choreographic skills and outputs.

**Guidelines**

*The following terms apply when making an application for a residency through the University of Calgary Dance Alumni Choreographic Residency Program:*

Priority for residency will be given to University of Calgary Dance Program graduates who are also independent choreographers working to produce professional level performance. All University of Calgary Dance Program graduates with a solid project proposal who are committed to the creation and performance of professional level work are encouraged to apply. Recent graduates are particularly encouraged to apply.

Residency schedule – Applicants may request *up to* 8 weeks of rehearsal time (60 hours maximum) between the dates of May 1 – August 31. Studio availability occurs between 8 am – 10 pm. Priority will be given to applicants that request either full-day rehearsal blocks, OR regular morning, afternoon, or evening blocks. Priority will also be given to rehearsal requests that aim for between 2-5 rehearsals per week.

All residencies are subject to studio availability; a certain level of flexibility with regard to dates/times may be required to help with the scheduling of residency times. The steering committee is in charge of determining which studio on campus will be made available to the artist-in-residence. Once a residency schedule is confirmed in writing, the dates may not be changed, unless specifically requested and accepted by the residency steering committee. The deadline for the 2026 Artist-in-Residence Program is **April 16, 2026** for the period May 1 to August 31, 2026.

The University of Calgary will provide the use of one studio free of charge to the successful applicant. The residency does not come with attendant funding and all applicants are expected to cover any additional costs incurred by the project. Choreographers are encouraged to apply for grant funding to support the fees associated with the developing work. If a choreographer will be using props for their work, the choreographer is responsible for removing the props after each rehearsal (unless in special circumstances where a request has been confirmed with the committee).

Successful residency applicants will also be expected to share with the University dance community in some fashion. This may mean presenting the developing work or your pedagogical approach in a university class or with the student undergraduate society. When appropriate, artists-in-residence also have the option to request an outside eye from the Dance Division for a session during the residency. With approval, successful residency applicants may have the option to self-present an informal studio showing at the end of their residency for a limited number of invited guests (no technical support, other than what is available in the studio, will be provided for these showings).

## Selection Panel

All applications will be assessed by a panel of 3-4 members drawn from the University of Calgary Dance Division. All applications will be assessed against the set criteria. Decisions will reflect the majority opinion of the panel present. There will be no appeal process, but applicants are welcome to apply for the next deadline.

## Selection criteria

Applicants *must* be:

- A graduate from the University of Calgary Dance Program with a BFA Dance, BA Dance, BA Dance / BEd, or a BA Dance/BKinesiology combined degree
- A Canadian citizen or permanent resident living in Canada (priority given to Calgary-based artists)
- Choreographers who have presented at least 1 work publicly in a professional context (not including school or pre-professional works); however, if we are flexible with this.

Applications will be assessed *primarily* on:

- The match between the application and the Residency Program guidelines
- The clarity of the proposal or idea presented
- The potential for a residency to facilitate creative growth for the applicant
- A match between studio availability and choreographer's request for space
- The potential for the requested studio time to result in a successful realization of project goals
- The strength of the artist/team of artists involved
- The potential of the work to have future presentation

## To Apply

Using no more than 2-3 pages, please outline to us:

- *Your name and contact details*
- *A short description of your project*
- *Your plans for the proposed work and how this project fits in with your wider goals/practice/development*
- *Whether the residency will be used for research, development, and/or final phase of production*
- *How many artists will be rehearsing in the space*
- *Your desired residency schedule (please provide a first and second choice)*
- *Links to two video selections of recent work (no more than 10-minutes in total – if you wish the panel to review a specific section from a longer work, please specify time codes)*

In addition to the above application, please send a 1-3 page dance resume or 1-page bio.

Completed applications should be returned by email to [dance@ucalgary.ca](mailto:dance@ucalgary.ca) by 5 pm on **April 16**. The meeting to assess the applications will take place within two weeks of the deadline. Applicants will be notified within three weeks of the deadline.

*The University of Calgary Dance Alumni Choreographic Residency Program is a program initiated by the University of Calgary Dance Division at the School of Creative and Performing Arts.*