



ANAT SAHMRI Residency

ANAT is excited to announce a new art + science residency in partnership with the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute ([SAHMRI](#)), with additional research support from Health, Law and Emerging Technologies at the University of Melbourne.

The ANAT SAHMRI residency is an opportunity for an artist to engage with issues around the ownership and governance of DNA material. In particular, the residency will facilitate interdisciplinary knowledge generation focused on the myriad ethical, philosophical, legislative and other frameworks that inform the status of DNA material once it leaves its originating body.

The selected artist will work with [Dr Jimmy Breen](#), leader of the SAHMRI Bioinformatics Platform. Dr Breen's group develops computational tools to enable the analysis of large, complex genomics datasets. Dr Breen's current research interests include developing methods for clinical cancer sequencing (in collaboration with the SAHMRI Leukaemia research group) and investigating epigenomic gene regulation in human reproductive tissues, such as the Placenta.

[Dr Carolyn Johnston](#), Senior Research Fellow in law and biotechnology at Health, Law and Emerging Technologies (HeLEX@Melbourne) at the University of Melbourne, will also contribute to the residency. Dr Johnston's research into the legal issues arising from large-scale infrastructure such as biobanks and data-sharing networks will be of particular relevance and value to the residency.

Residency details

We anticipate the residency timeline to be as follows but this may change:

3 August – 30 October 2020 – 2 days/week, from artist's home/studio/office

November 2020 – 2 week in-situ at SAHMRI, Adelaide

December 2020 – January 2021 – 1 day/week, from artist's home/studio/office

February 2021 – 2 week in-situ at SAHMRI, Adelaide

ANAT will pay the successful artist a fee of \$12,760, and will contribute towards documentation and project materials, and travel and accommodation expenses if required.

Who can apply?

The residency is open to Australian artists working in any art form.

Applicants should note the ANAT SAHMRI residency has a creative research focus, with artists dissuaded from anticipating specific outcomes at the onset. As such, the residency is not required to directly result in the production of new work.

Tertiary students, including PhD candidates, are ineligible to apply if the proposed residency in any way contributes to the achievement of their academic qualification. Contact us if you are unsure.

Selection Criteria

- Artist's professional track-record
- Proposed creative project focus
- Anticipated benefits to both the artist and SAHMRI

Background

Since 2004, ANAT has brought artists and scientists together in [research partnerships](#) that have generated new knowledge, ideas and processes.

ANAT's residencies have involved Australian science organisations hosting artists in situ, leading to profound artistic and professional development for the participants, as well as building a sustainable support base for interdisciplinary creative collaboration in Australia.

In 2020, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, ANAT is offering home/studio/office-based residencies as a way to continue to support artists during this time of social distancing and similar restrictions.

HOW TO APPLY

1. **Familiarise yourself with the research undertaken by [Dr Jimmy Breen](#) and [Dr Carolyn Johnston](#).**
2. **Complete the online application form [here](#).**
The application requires:
 - a. A description of what you want to focus your research on (up to 500 words)
 - b. A statement about how the artist expects to benefit from the residency (up to 200 words)
 - c. An Artist's CV (of no more than TWO pages)
 - d. Support material that best demonstrates your artistic practice:
THREE examples (up to 5mb in total and/or URL's) can include images, video, audio etc.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 5PM (ACDT), Tuesday 29 June 2020.

You will be notified of the outcome of your application by Friday 10 July 2020.

ENQUIRIES

For further information, or to arrange a time to discuss your application, please contact Vicki Sowry, ANAT Director: vicki@anat.org.au

PROJECT PARTNERS

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ANAT is a global leader in brokering opportunities for artists to work with the science and technology sectors. We do this because we believe artists are essential contributors to how we imagine and shape our future.

South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI)

SAHMRI is South Australia's flagship health and medical research institute. SAHMRI's vision is to create and deliver evidence-based, optimised, precision health care solutions for all Australians, across their life course, with a particular focus on greater living.

Health, Law and Emerging Technologies, University of Melbourne (HeLEX@Melbourne)

HeLEX@Melbourne was established at the University of Melbourne's Law School in 2017 in order to progress research into the legal and regulatory frameworks for new health technologies, including genomics, stem cell research, gene editing and digital health.