

Museum of Design in Plastics residency call

The Museum of Design in Plastics (MoDiP) announces an open call for applications from UK based practitioners/researchers who are interested in undertaking a residency exploring how to communicate the value of plastics.



MoDiP is the only museum of design in plastics and has recently received prestigious designated status by Arts Council England. Plastics regularly receive a negative press with the many benefits that this material group brings to support modern life often overlooked.

We are offering a **residency programme** which can bring **fresh insights** to communicating the **value of plastics**. We are particularly interested in practitioners working in the areas of **semiotics, linguistics, ethics, design strategy** or **communication design**. But applicants could equally be a **sustainability lead** or **behaviour expert** or someone working in **other disciplines** that might not normally engage in this debate. We want someone who can explore this topic through **innovative ways** and bring **new perspectives**.

We are looking for a resident who can draw upon MoDiP's collections to carry out research and create new work that supports communication and widen understanding around the benefits of plastics, challenging the language being used around such materials and offering fresh perspectives that is in line with the museum's mission. The residency should include elements of **research, public engagement** and **public communication**. It could also involve AUB's recently opened Innovation Studio.

The residency will take place at MoDiP, at Arts University Bournemouth. The timing and length of the residency is negotiable but must be **concluded by 30 September 2022**.

MoDiP will provide a £7,000 bursary and support costs towards realising resources that can be widely disseminated. These could be in the form of creative outputs including short films, or written guidelines but primarily something that can be shared beyond the university via MoDiP's website www.modip.ac.uk. Applicants should have an interest in exploring the value of plastics and a good track record of producing high-quality work.

We intend for the resident to be able to visit the museum for research trips. Groups may apply as well as individuals.

The **deadline** for this open call is **22 April 2022** and expressions of interest, see guidance notes below, should be sent by email to modip@aub.ac.uk. Interviews will take place in early May.