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New artist in residence program for Cradle Coast campus

Artists and writers are being encouraged to explore and create in North West Tasmania as part of the inaugural UTAS Cradle Coast campus artist in residence program.

The Cradle Coast campus is inviting writers and visual artists to apply for an artist in residence program to be offered for the first time in 2011.

Community engagement officer, Nicki Fletcher said the residency provided an opportunity for creative practitioners to base themselves in the region for up to 28 days and to respond to the experience, through their art form.

“As a university campus we’re keen to explore different perspectives on North West Tasmania and to see what take an artist might have on our distinctive regional culture, our relationship with the landscape or even our changing industrial profile,” she said.

Ms Fletcher said the residency would form part of the campus’s cultural program and artists would be encouraged to link their project to the broader community. Funding of up to \$5000 is available to local, interstate and international artists.

“The guidelines for the residency are deliberately broad to encourage really diverse ideas and projects that will resonate with the campus, the community and the region as a whole.”

Applications close on 1 August this year for a residency between February and October 2011. Guidelines and an application form can be downloaded from the website www.cradle-coast.utas.edu.au or by contacting Ms Fletcher at the campus on (03) 6430 4949.

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