



**Bristol Textile Quarter**

## **BSU FULLY FUNDED STUDIO RESIDENCY: COMBINED STUDIO SPACE AT BRISTOL TEXTILE QUARTER WITH CPD AT SPIKE PRINT STUDIO**

For the fourth year running, Bath Spa University is working with Bristol Textile Quarter, who is offering free workspace for a 2020 Textiles Design for Fashion and Interiors graduate, from October 2020. We are delighted to also be teaming up with Spike Print Studio (the largest open access print studio in the south west) as a potential part of this residency, if suitable for the successful applicant.

The residency offers being part of a lively textile community at Bristol Textile Quarter and as part of this you will be assigned peer support to help you establish your career. The potential addition of support from Spike Print Studio would involve 1-1 support and access to their wide range of facilities under the clear guidance of a designated tutor who is an artist and practitioner running their own business.

There are two options for this studio residency:

- 1) 6 months BTQ residency + Spike Print 1:1 support
- OR
- 2) 10 months BTQ residency only

Either way, this is a fantastic opportunity for a recent graduate looking to launch their own textile or fashion business.

### **About BTQ - <http://bristoltextilequarter.co.uk/>**

Based on Bristol's Barton Road, Bristol Textile Quarter provides workspace and equipment in a bright, open plan setting. Residents have access to the following facilities (please note that BTQ is based in an old factory/warehouse-style building and is not centrally-heated):

- Individual desk spaces – workspace and facilities are on one level
- 1 x industrial straight stitch
- 2 x industrial 5-thread overlockers
- 5 x standard gauge Brother domestic knitting machines
- 1 x chunky gauge Brother domestic knitting machine
- Industrial iron and steam generator
- 1 x cutting table 5'x5'

- 4 x cutting tables 3'x6'
- Drum carder
- 2 x Harris (or similar) 4 shaft folding/table looms
- Internet & printing
- Growing library of pattern books, resource materials and shade cards
- Kitchen & bathroom facilities inc. free tea
- Basic supplies inc. dot+cross paper; waste and acrylic yarns as available etc.

**About Spike Print Studio - <https://www.spikeprintstudio.org/>**

Based within Spike Island on Bristol's Cumberland Road, Spike Print Studio offers access to specialist printmaking equipment and a wealth of expertise for experienced printmakers, together with professional opportunities for artists. The studio has a great reputation for producing professional and innovative work. Access is available on Wednesday and Thursday by arrangement with the tutor.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

- A current CV
- A formal letter of application stating which option you are applying for, and outlining how you would use your time on this placement, what your goals and objectives would be, and why it would be significant at this point in your career. Please also state how you intend to support yourself financially during the studio placement.
- Six images of your work with captions (jpeg format or PDF image sheet)

Don't forget to ensure you provide full contact details – all applicants must be contactable by phone/email between the submission and interview dates. Also please note that the successful applicant will be asked to take part in a case study at the end of their residency.

Please email the above to: [placements@bathspa.ac.uk](mailto:placements@bathspa.ac.uk) using the email header "BTQ and Spike Print Studio Residency Application".

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5pm, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

- Interviews will take place online, in w/s 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020
- A start date for occupation of the studio space will be arranged once the successful applicant has been notified.
- All studio residencies are dependent on all being well after the Covid-19 pandemic.