

Karakusevic Carson Architects

The Drawing Residency Application Pack



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Programme Outline:

The Drawing Residency aims to offer a dedicated space and supportive environment for an architecture student interested in exploring their drawing practice, specifically in relation to design concepts for projects or ideas around housing, public buildings, civic and socially engaged design.

The residency acts to support any ongoing academic and study projects where drawing is being used as the main tool for the expression of ideas. Drawing can mean sketching, details, or technical plans – and everything in between and beyond. Drawing for us means drawings made by the hand, and this programme is seeking a resident who wants to further their hand drawing skills.

The Residency offers time and support for a student to focus on this part of practice.

Location: London (Karakusevic Carson Architects Studio in Hoxton)

Duration: 6 months; January to June 2026

Funding and residency requirements outline:

- £500 towards specialist drawing materials
- £250 towards travel costs, either for coming to the studio, or for doing site, archival or other visits
- A dedicated desk space within our main studio (access during main studio hours)
- Ongoing mentoring from architects and designers across the studio
- Access to main studio facilities; meetings rooms, wifi, printing, drawing boards, materials
- You must self-provide any IT and software
- You must have the right to live and work in the UK
- Applicants must be currently studying Architecture at undergraduate or postgraduate level and must be working on a university project that directly explores themes around housing, public buildings and spaces, streets, or other civic type buildings

Final outputs and other requirements:

1. We expect the resident to spend a minimum of one day or approximately 8 hours week within the studio during the residency. We are aware this will need to fit around other work or study hours and can discuss the logistics of this at interview stage. We are also open to residents spending more time in the studio, if the access to facilities and co-learning is beneficial.
2. You will be asked to present the work developed in your time on the residency. We anticipate this happening at two intervals – a WIP presentation at the mid-way point and a final presentation taking place in a whole studio event at the end of the residency. We may also wish to write up the residency experience in collaboration with you, to publish on our digital platforms or elsewhere.

To apply:

Please send us a covering letter (2 A4 max) setting out:

- Why you are applying for the residency and why or how the residency will support your studies
- What drawing means to your practice as an architect in learning
- How you think of drawing as creating possibility within the evolution of civic and socially mindful architecture
- Details of your current study and commitment to the residency programme as outlined above

For this letter: While we appreciate the opportunity that AI tools afford, we strongly encourage you to answer in your own words so that we can understand your own voice and experience.

In addition, please include 5 drawing examples (max 10mb total) with your application. These can be in any medium, of any subject, and for any design stage. We encourage you to show drawings that are experimental or explorative. We do not necessarily expect these to be 5 finished drawings.

Please only include drawings you have drawn by hand. Do not include any AI supported material.

Send applications to: keytoarch@karakusevic-carson.com

Deadline for applications: 6pm 5 December 2025.

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to attend a short 20-minute interview on 11 or 12 December. If you are unable to attend on those dates, please say so in your application and we will endeavour to find an alternative time.

The Residency will begin on 12 January 2026 and end on 26 June 2026.

We want to work with you to ensure the opportunities we offer young people are as accessible as possible. If you are disabled, neurodivergent, or if you have a long-term health condition, we'll be happy to make any required adjustments to our processes for you. You'll have the opportunity to let us know about any adjustments you may need throughout the application process. We'll continue this conversation if you join us for the programme, and we'll work with you to make sure you have the adjustments you need to succeed.