

LAUREN MURPHY – IAF Small Grant Recipient 2021



With the support of the Independent Arts Foundation, The Small Grants Scheme has greatly benefited my creative development as a Ceramicist.

For the duration of the Helpmann Academy Residency at George Street Studios during 2021, I was able to expand my practice and knowledge through research and development, and the experimentation of ceramic materials and techniques.

The IAF grant allowed me to purchase a range of clay bodies and glazes, as well as contribute towards bisque and glaze firing costs. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to spend more time in the studio, surrounded by like minded and experienced practitioners who were extremely generous with their time and knowledge. I was introduced to and shared the experience of working with metal and stone, while having the ability to use the equipment and machinery at George Street Studios.



Since the residency and funding from IAF, I have been accepted as a Ceramics Associate and begun working from The Jam Factory. I aim to further expand my practice over the next years, and believe that funding from the IAF has been an important step in allowing me to gain confidence, and further my career as a Ceramicist.

My practice currently involves a combination of hand building and wheel throwing to develop functional ceramic vessels and objects, and I look forward to finding solutions to create the best possible design outcomes.

Thank you so much again, and I'm so grateful for all the support from the IAF.

Lauren Murphy