



Exploratory Research Residency

The Jeffrey Rubinoff Sculpture Park (JRSP) is offering **up to three** Exploratory Research Residencies for the 2026 Season

The park offers accommodation, a local transport and a food stipend for six nights on Hornby Island. If a proposal warrants it, an applicant may optionally request longer stays of either 9 or 13 nights.

We have reserved accommodation in the following time slots:

Sunday April 26 – May 3, 2026

Sunday May 3 – 10, 2026

Sunday May 10 – 17, 2026

The exploratory research residency is intended for **emerging or professional visual artists, choreographer-dancers, musician-composers, writers, art or science communicators, art historians, and curators** interested in engaging with the sculpture and ideas of Jeffrey Rubinoff. Residents are invited to study the sculptures, explore Rubinoff's writings and archives, and experiment within their own practice in response to the park. The goal is to encourage independent inquiry that develops new directions in art, academic research or the public communication of ideas inspired by Rubinoff's work and thought.

The Residency supports a period of concentrated research and experimentation rather than the production of a completed work. Residents may wish to:

- Conduct a focused study of one or more sculpture series or aspects of the landscape design of the park.
- Investigate Rubinoff's book collection, writings, tour transcriptions, and forum commentaries.
- Experiment with how their own practice responds to Rubinoff's approach to sculpture or his concept of art as a source of knowledge.
- Continue or initiate research inspired by or departing from any other aspect of Rubinoff's artwork.

Residents are expected to share their results in a format appropriate to their discipline—through a brief report, photos, or video.

Should the resident be available, they may also be invited to participate, at no cost to them, as a delegate in the Annual Company of Ideas Forum. The event takes place over 3 days mid-June each year – the 2026 Forum is June 15-17th.

Eligibility

This residency is open to both professional and emerging artists. There is no requirement criteria for formal training, education or recognition by any professional body.

Applicants will be judged by:

- 1) evidence of their dedication to their practice;
- 2) the merits of their sample portfolio;
- 3) their research proposal.

Application

Interested applicants should submit the following to **admin@rubinoffsculpturepark.org**

A: Either CV, Biography, or simple written statement of their career pathway thus far.

B: Some examples of your work that show it in the best light.

C: An application form.

What we offer

Accommodation for up to 6 nights, a stipend of **\$1500** to cover food and local transport from Vancouver to Hornby Island (and while on the island). Residents are responsible for arranging travel to and from Hornby Island and for bringing any necessary equipment or materials.

Note: The stipend is not meant to cover costs associated with long distance travel, it is envisaged to only cover the cost of travel and food from the local vicinity. The applicant should indicate if they are covering costs of long-distance travel.

Deadline and timelines

November 2025 – Call Open. JRSP available for questions.

January 30, 2026 – Deadline to submit (5pm Vancouver Time)

February 12, 2026 – Residency recipient(s) announced

April 26 - May 17, 2026 – Time frame within which one-week residency can occur

June 15-17, 2026– Delegate at the Company of Ideas Forum (upon Invite)

Practical Considerations

The Jeffrey Rubinoff Sculpture Park is located on Hornby Island BC, Canada. It is most practically accessible via car and ferry from Vancouver Island. Please note that ferries run to and from the Island until 6pm every day except Friday they run until 9pm. This limits the possibility of commuting off island during the residency.

A driver's license is preferable, as there is no public transport and considerable distances to groceries and other amenities. An experienced cyclist could make it work; however it is not a walkable community.

The park is partially accessible with gender neutral wheelchair friendly washrooms. Wheelchair accessibility is not guaranteed at the accommodations.

The park exhibit covers a 100-acre landscaped space of grassy uneven ground, easily navigable for able bodied individuals.

The park has two WIFI zones, one with fiber optic, and generally good cell reception.

There is a dedicated climate-controlled, 200 sq ft, lockable indoor space which is suitable for clean and dry activities. There are two additional spaces to set up a temporary studio work: The interpretive centre (heated) which has about 1000 sq ft, and the barn which has about 1400 sq ft (unheated).

Up to 1 adult guest can accompany the researcher, however the stipend will not be adjusted and any additional costs will be the responsibility of the awardee.

The following may be useful links to learn more about the Park

<https://www.rubinoffsculpturepark.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/RubinoffOnArtWeb.pdf>

<https://www.rubinoffsculpturepark.org/about/>

<https://www.rubinoffsculpturepark.org/company-of-ideas-forum/> (Forum page)

<https://www.rubinoffsculpturepark.org/contributors/> (past Contributors)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBj4OVogMA1WQ0Cd0HsMfNQ> (JRSP You Tube)

<https://hornbyisland.com/> (For information about the island and events)

Application Form for Jeffrey Rubinoff Sculpture Park Exploratory Residency 2026

Applicant Information

- Full Name:
Last Name, First Name, Middle Name
- Preferred Name:
- Your Artist Name (if different):
- Phone:
- Email:
- Organization (if applicable) and Location (city/country):
- **Are you able to move to Hornby Island, B.C. for the duration of one week residency?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - Other: _____
- **Do you have a valid driver's licence?**
 - Yes
 - No

Artist / Scholar Biography

- Biography (200 words or less):

Additional Documents

- Include CV or similar:
[Attach your CV]
- If applicable, provide link to your portfolio (or attach files under 15 MB):
[Insert link]

Research Proposal

1. What is the main question, theme, or idea you want to explore during your residency?

2. How does your research or practice connect with Jeffrey Rubinoff's work or writings?

3. Which aspects of the park—sculpture, landscape, architecture, or archives—do you hope to engage with most directly?

4. How does this residency fit within your current artistic or research trajectory?

5. What methods will you use (e.g., visual research, writing, movement, sound, drawing, documentation, interviews, archival study, etc.)?

6. What do you hope to discover, produce, or clarify by the end of your residency?

Residency Travel Preferences

- The Residency has the option of one of the 3 following weeks on Hornby Island – what are your preferred weeks in order of preference:
 - Week 1: April 26 to May 3, 2026
 - Week 2: May 3 to May 10, 2026
 - Week 3: May 10 to May 17, 2026
- Please indicated where you intend to depart from for the residency.

Accompaniment and Equipment

- Do you have a spouse (or plus one) that may be accompanying you?
 - Yes
 - No
 - If yes, please provide details:

Please note they are welcome to join you; however, the allocated costs for travel, accommodation, and food will not be adjusted.

- Do you have tools or materials that would need to be shipped to Hornby Island?
 - Yes
 - No
 - If yes, describe what it is:

How Did You Hear About This Residency?

- Jeffrey Rubinoff Sculpture Park
- Social media
- University of Victoria
- Received via Email

- ArtConnect
- Our Weekly Rise
- ResArtis
- CultureBrew.Art
- Other: _____

Application Checklist

- CV (max 4 pages),
- samples of your work (max 6 pages or 15MB) (PDFs or JPGs or links)
- This application form
- Email the document to admin@rubinoffsculpturepark.org with the subject line “JRSP Residency Application” before the deadline of January 30, 2026 5pm Vancouver time.

Questions?

For questions, please email admin@rubinoffsculpturepark.org. Thank you for your interest in the Jeffrey Rubinoff Sculpture Park Exploratory Research Residency!