



## **Research Residency: Interior Networking**

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### **ABOUT Y2**

In partnership with Deakin University, The Royals have launched Y2: a research and prototyping lab exploring the fields of creative and communication technology that are driving contemporary interfaces and experiences. Y2 fosters collaboration with our research partners and clients to help find new purpose and utility for the emerging technology and media forms that are changing the ways we communicate, interact and consume.

### **Y2 RESEARCH RESIDENCIES**

Y2 offers a series of residencies to academics and researchers, design thinkers, innovators, technologists, artists, who are smart, tenacious and hungry to build knowledge and prototype their ideas. These programs offer candidates the unique opportunity to advance their research in media and creative technology while contributing meaningful and innovative work that conceive a new frontier for a variety of different organisations.

With the primary goal of developing a prototype relevant to the research topic, residents will have access to key resources and facilities required to inspire and activate innovative developments.

### **2017 RESEARCH RESIDENCY: Interior Networking**

Our initial 2017 research residency is an opportunity for candidates researching or working in the fields of design research, user experience research, sociology, ethnography or critical engineering.

We are inviting researchers and practitioners to consider, research and prototype an interior community, or shared-space, connected experience designed for micro-communities. The remit is

to develop a prototype that seeks to identify and address ongoing internet related social issues such as trust, data ownership and identity within a family or share-house-like context. Additional considerations will include ethical, sociological and technical aspects of the imagined interfaces. The devised experience might cover physical and digital conversational user interfaces, collaborative and communication features. While much of near-future home imagining focuses on smart appliance control and media consumption, candidates for our residency are invited to consider interpersonal issues, social connectivity, productivity and spatial aspects. The intention is to examine opportunities to extend this project further into an open source toolkit and digital framework that can be developed and distributed.

With the remit of exploring and advancing the area and its application, the Interior Networking Research Residency with Y2 is designed to give innovators with great promise support, mentorship, and experience necessary to take a transformative step forward in their careers.

It is an exciting opportunity to be one of the first innovators to work in the designated Y2 lab situated within the Royals in inner Melbourne's Cremorne.

### **Residency Details**

- Residencies are for a period of 6 weeks where residents work three days per week
- Residents will be required to deliver a prototype on completion of this period
- Residents will work out of the Y2 space
- Residents will receive a payment of \$5000

### **Eligibility Criteria**

In order to be considered for this residency potential candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Be an Australian citizen or have Australian residency for the duration of the residency
- Have completed or are in the process of completing an undergraduate degree in a relevant field
- Have academic and/or industry experience in relevant fields

- Have a research proposal that addresses the relevant research field

### **Timeline**

This Research Residency will run for 6 weeks from late April to mid June. Tentative is detailed below.

April 28	Application opens
May 26	Applications due
TBC	Interview Day for finalist candidates
Early June	Residency kickoff
July	Residency ends

### **How to Apply**

Please submit your applications by **May 26** via [louise@theroyals.com.au](mailto:louise@theroyals.com.au) (Louise Richards, Program Manager of Y2.)

Applications must include:

- A research overview comprising two pages. At least half a page should highlight how the your research concept or experience could contribute to a better understanding of the residency topic.
- A current curriculum vitae including 1-2 references or recommendations from those familiar with your work

For questions, please email [louise@theroyals.com.au](mailto:louise@theroyals.com.au)