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Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards: *Edinburgh*
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**Emerging Visual Artists/Craft Makers – Bursary Scheme
Guidelines 2017/18**

The City of Edinburgh Council in partnership with Creative Scotland is now offering the opportunity for emerging artists - open to both **Visual Artists and Craft Makers** to apply to the bursary programme.

The bursary programme will support 2 successful applicants to develop and progress their creative practice over 12 months.

The programme will be tailored to the individual artist and will include mentoring which may lead to the development of skills/training, creation of new work, presenting and marketing work.

Successful applicants will be awarded £1,500 as a bursary to be paid in 2 instalments the second instalment will be released following a mid programme review meeting. There may be further budget available for additional support that may be needed. Successful applicants will be invited to a preliminary meeting to discuss the programme options and timetable for the year ahead.

Criteria

Applicants should be able to demonstrate a level of commitment to their practices and have achieved a body of work out with formal education. We would normally expect artists to have been out of formal education for at least 2 years.

All applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Commitment to the development of their practice and a clear rationale as to why a Bursary would be important at this stage in their work.
- The quality of the applicant's work to date.
- The clarity of purpose behind the submission and reasons given for applying for support.
- The expected outcome/impact of the financial support on the applicant's creative and professional development.
- The relationship of the proposal to current work.
- The quality of supporting material supplied.

Who can apply?

- Makers/visual artists living or based within the City of Edinburgh boundary.

The bursary aims to support visual arts practitioners working in the fields of drawing, painting, sculpture, print making, photography, moving image and filmmaking in a visual arts context.

The bursary aims to support craft practitioners who create contemporary work, in areas such as ceramics, jewellery and metalwork, furniture and wood, glass, textiles and basket-making.

Applications will not be considered for the disciplines of marketing, graphic design, product design illustration, building crafts or conservation/restoration.

Applicants who have received funding from Creative Scotland's funding streams cannot apply for the same project proposal. Please note we consult with Creative Scotland before any award is confirmed.

The Awards Panel:

Your application will be considered by members of the awards panel, comprising of Officers from the City of Edinburgh Council and Creative Scotland and independent advisors.

The Awards Panel will meet within 6 weeks of the fund deadlines and you will be informed of the outcome within 3 weeks of the panel meeting.

Successful Applicants:

Conditions of grant: You must observe the "special conditions", which will be detailed in the letter offering you a bursary. General conditions will include;

- A final written end of project report with accompanying material e.g. images of work produced, related publicity.
- An event which shows how the bursary has impacted on your career and creative development e.g. a talk, exhibition.
- Successful applicants should credit the Scheme on any publicity including logos for Creative Scotland and City of Edinburgh Council.
- Agree to allow project images to be used by City of Edinburgh Council and Creative Scotland on their websites or publicity relating to the Scheme.

Supporting Visual material:

Applications should be accompanied by high quality visual material as examples of work undertaken within the last 12 months or most recent work. Applications will not be considered unless supporting visual material is submitted. It is requested that applicants limit themselves to **one** visual presentation format and include examples of up to 6 pieces of your most recent work.

Images should be submitted in JPEG format on a suitable digital media (DVD, CD, memory stick). The preferred size of image is 72ppi (pixels per inch) at 900 pixels along the longest side (for example 900 x 600 pixels landscape, 600 x 900 pixels portrait or 900 x 900 pixels square). Please keep the image sizes to around 1MB each maximum.

For moving image work, weblinks will be accepted. Please ensure that your presentation lasts no more than 2 minutes and format submitted is compatible with Windows media player.

Please ensure that visual material is fully labelled with your name and title of work and that you have completed the attached *Artwork Submission Form*. Please ensure that the images listed on the Artwork Submission Form correspond to the order of images on your chosen media.

Original artwork will not be accepted as support to any application.

All visual material will be returned. Please note that the City of Edinburgh Council and Creative Scotland cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss of submitted material, supporting your application.

Application deadlines:

- **Wednesday, 4 October 2017**
- **Friday, 7 February 2018**

If you would like to have a chat before putting in an application or have any queries relating to your application please contact Jo Navarro, Cultural Development Officer, on 0131 529 6716 or via email jo.navarro@edinburgh.gov.uk .

Applications will not be processed unless all the documents and support materials are received.

An electronic copy of the application only (no images) should be sent to
culturaldevelopment@edinburgh.gov.uk.

A signed hard copy of your application with images should be sent to:

Jo Navarro, Cultural Development Officer
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The City of Edinburgh Council
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Edinburgh, EH8 8BG