



Luminate Older Artists' Bursaries 2018: Professional Development

Luminate is delighted to offer up to 10 bursaries of between £500 and £1,000 to emerging artists aged 50 or over to support their professional development.

Applications can come from all artforms but artists must be resident in Scotland.

Bursaries can support artists to learn new skills, undertake mentoring, coaching or professional training, or travel - in the UK or further afield - to build networks or attend conferences.

However, these are only examples, and there may be other developmental approaches that you would like to explore.

This is an opportunity for older artists to define their own development needs, and be supported to meet them.

All successful applicants will be invited to a small gathering in May 2019 to meet other artists and share their learning, and will be asked to complete a short evaluation after their funded activity has taken place.

Eligibility

The bursaries are open to artists aged 50 or over who have recently embarked on a new artistic career, including those who have trained at a young age and have returned to their practice later in life, those who have worked in the arts in different capacities and are now changing direction, and those who have come new to their artform in their later years.

We are keen to receive applications from artists who are about to embark on their new career, as well as those who have already begun to work professionally.

Bursaries are open to artists working in all artforms and media.

Applicants must be resident in Scotland, though funded activity can take place anywhere.

The Award

The award will be made in 2 parts; 90% prior to the start of the supported activities, and 10% at the end when you have submitted your evaluation.

Timeline for supported work

The development opportunity supported by each bursary must be complete within 6 months of the bursary being awarded.

What are the bursaries unable to support?

- Applications from artists not resident in Scotland
- Applications from anyone who is still in full-time education
- Applications for activities that form part of a larger grant application
- Applications to support the purchase of equipment or materials
- Applications for support for activities that have already started or are already complete

Selection criteria

Applications will be accessed on:

- The impact the bursary will have on your professional development
- The feasibility of the activity and budget
- The need for the activity – would it happen without the bursary?

Applications will be accessed by a small panel which will include representatives from Luminate, the Saltire Society, and external judges from the wider arts and cultural sector, including an older artist.

Application process

Please apply in writing, and tell us:

- Your name, postal address, email address and telephone number
- Your age
- How you would describe your arts practice and your career to date, in no more than 250 words
- Your proposal for your bursary in no more than 400 words, including any key dates and an outline of how you would spend the funds - please refer to Creative Scotland's Rates of Pay guidance if considering hiring other professionals, for example, as mentors <https://www.creativescotland.com/resources/our-publications/funding-documents/rates-of-pay-guidance>
- What impact you think the bursary will have on your practice, in no more than 250 words
- An example of your work, either as a link to an online video or portfolio, a professional review, or a PDF of no more than 5 pages

Please email your application to us at events@luminatescotland.org, or post it to us at: Luminate, First Floor, Causewayside House, 160 Causewayside, Edinburgh EH9 1PR.

All applications must be received by 12pm on Monday 26th November, and applicants will be notified of the result of their application by early January at the latest.