



Luminate Older Artists' Bursaries 2021

Luminate is delighted to announce a programme of bursaries for artists aged 50 or over who are in the early stages of a new artistic career.

Each bursary will be between £500 and £1,200, and can be used to support your artistic development.

A total fund of £12,500 is available. Details of how to apply are below. The deadline for submissions is **midday on Monday 15th November**, and all applicants will hear the results by Friday 10th December.

If you would like any of this information in a different format or require further support in making an application, please contact us at info@luminatescotland.org or by phone on 0131 668 8066.

Introduction

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

Applications can come from all artforms but artists must be resident in Scotland. Bursaries can support you to learn new skills, undertake mentoring, coaching or professional training, or travel - in the UK or further afield - to build networks or attend conferences. These are only examples, and there may be other areas you'd like to explore.

Applications can come from artists who are already showcasing their work, in whatever form that may take e.g. exhibitions, performances, reading groups and we also encourage applications from those who have not yet reached an audience but are wanting to do so.

All successful applicants will also be invited to a small gathering in summer 2022 to meet other artists on the programme to share experiences and learning.

You will find information about previous support that Luminate has provided for older artists here: <https://luminatescotland.org/project/development-for-older-artists/>.

Eligibility

The bursaries are open to artists aged 50 and over, working in all artforms and media, who have recently embarked on a new artistic career, including:

- those who trained at a young age and have returned to their practice later in life;
- those who have worked in the arts in different roles or in a different area of practice, and are now changing direction;
- those who are new to their arts practice in recent years.

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 artists have submitted a short evaluation report.

Please note that the bursary is inclusive of VAT if applicable. Each artist is responsible for their own tax and national insurance.

Timeline

Funded activity 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 in full-time education
- Applications for activities that form part of a larger grant application to another organisation
- Applications to support the purchase of equipment or materials
- Applications for support for activities that have already started or are already complete
- Applications that are intended to enhance the arts practice of the community and not the artist directly

Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed on:

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

Applications will be assessed by a small panel including representatives from Luminate and from the wider arts and cultural sector; this will include at least one older artist.

Luminate welcomes applications from all sections of our community. We recognise that there are barriers to working in the arts and that these challenges are experienced more acutely by some people. We are committed to increasing the diversity of artists working in our sector and especially welcome applications from those who identify as having characteristics currently under-represented in our sector. This includes people with protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010 across age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

At least one bursary will be awarded to an artist from a minority ethnic background.

Application process

To apply please send us a proposal that includes:

- Your contact details including your name, postal address, email address and telephone number
- Your age
- Whether you are from a minority ethnic background
- An outline of your arts practice and your career to date, 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
- Your proposal for your bursary in no more than 400 words, including any key dates and a breakdown 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

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

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Privacy Notice for Applicants

Luminate is committed to protecting the privacy and security of your personal information. As part of the selection process we will collect, store and process the data in your application form in line with data protection regulations. We will only use this data in relation to the bursary programme and to communicate with you about your application. If your application is unsuccessful, we will delete your data after 6 months. If your application is successful, it will be stored on Luminate's systems, accessible only by our employees

Your application data will be processed and stored by Luminate and will be shared with the selection panel. Please note that Luminate's IT systems are supported by Age Scotland.

If you have any questions about this privacy notice, please email info@luminatescotland.org.