

CREATIVE FELLOWSHIP FUND

Overview

The City of Parramatta Council Creative Fellowship Fund aims to support the development of new work and/or the professional development of Parramatta artists and creative workers.

One Fellowship is awarded annually. The Fellowship is presented as part of the Parramatta Artists Studios' Artistic Program. Parramatta Artists Studios is an initiative of the City of Parramatta Council.

This category is open to those working in all art forms, including but not limited to, music, sculpture, dance, painting, writing/literature, theatre, design, film/video, and digital media.

Definition of Professional Artist and Creative Worker:

The definition is deliberately broad to take into account factors such as:

- Artists/creatives from diverse cultural backgrounds whose artistic or cultural knowledge has been developed through oral traditions;
- Professional artists/creatives who are trained or self-taught;
- Artists/creatives of professional calibre who may work outside the arts/creative sectors to generate income;
- Those that identify themselves as such on the basis of skill or experience;
- Acceptance by peers or the arts/creative sectors as a professional and may or may not earn income from their work.

Funding Priorities

- Provide an opportunity for a professional artist or creative worker to develop their practice in the Parramatta region;

- Stimulate connection to community and/or explore the identity of Parramatta through the development and presentation of new works and/or activities;
- Foster innovation and contribute to the growth of the arts and creative sectors.

Available Funding

The maximum funding available in this category is \$20,000 for one fellow. .

Program Timelines

This program is open once a year. Projects must start after July 1. Successful recipients in this category are required to:

- Complete their projects within twelve months of funding
- Submit two Progress Reports, after four and nine months respectively, during the funding period and a Final Acquittal Report upon project completion
 - 4 month Progress Report due date 1 November
 - 9 month Progress Report due date 1 April
 - Final Acquittal Report due date 1 July (following year)

Failure to acquit the grant will affect any future funding requests.

Examples of Activity Supported

- Production and presentation of a new work/s;
- Researching and developing new techniques;
- Researching new art/creative forms to extend your practice.

Conditions for Program Eligibility

To be eligible for funding applicants must:

- Applicants must be residents of the City of Parramatta or be able to demonstrate an existing and significant contribution to the arts/creative sector of the City of Parramatta;
- Not have outstanding debts to Council;
- Not have overdue progress or acquittal reports for previously funded grants.

Further Conditions

If you are successful in your application, evidence will need to be provided that you have planned appropriate insurance coverage for the funded activity. If you already have insurance coverage, we ask that you attach the Certificate of Currency to your application.

Supporting Documents Required

- A CV of no more than two pages;
- For Parramatta residents or ratepayers, please provide evidence of residency e.g. Drivers licence, passport, rates notice or rental property lease;
- For an individual who has contributed significantly to the Parramatta Arts / Creative

sectors please provide a written statement outlining relevant experience and activity;

- Up to 10 images in .jpg format and a maximum of 1mb per image;
- For audio/moving image files, one file of up to 5 minutes in one of the following file formats: for moving images .mov or .mp4 files; and for audio files .wav or .mp3 files;
- For written work, a sample or samples of writing in .pdf or .doc file format. Maximum 4 x A4 pages, with no more than 2 pages per writing sample.

Contact Details

If you need assistance in understanding these Guidelines, or have any questions, please contact the Community Capacity Building Team on **9806 5110** or email grants@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their arts project with the Parramatta Artists Studio on **9806 5822**.

Any applications related to Aboriginal Culture will be required to consult with Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee. For details about the advisory committee, please contact the Community Capacity Building Team on **9806 5110**.

Assessment Criteria

	CRITERIA DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Criterion A	ARTISTIC MERIT - Merit of existing work and experience as a practicing artistic/creative professional	15%
Criterion B	CAREER GROWTH - Potential for the Fellowship to significantly progress the applicant's practice/career	20%
Criterion C	NEW WORK - Potential for completion of significant new work/s as a tangible outcome of the Fellowship	15%
Criterion D	NEW SKILLS - Potential for the acquisition of significant new skills as an outcome of the Fellowship	20%
Criterion E	OUTCOME REACH - How new work and/or skills can be shared with, or presented to the local arts sectors, communities and other interested parties	30%