

Arts Manningham

Fellowship and Artist in Residency (FAIR)

About the FAIR

In 2020 Manningham launched a new program of small fellowships to support local artists to research and develop ideas for new contemporary art programs, installations and performances.

Each year the program will offer three fellowships to the total value of \$6000 each, over two phases to develop and implement contemporary art projects that provide engaging experiences for the Manningham community and encourage visitors to the region.

Recipients also receive a short residency at Manningham Art Studios during their fellowship to facilitate artistic collaboration and allow an opportunity to run supporting public programs such as workshops and artist studio talks.

Fellowship Phase 1

Phase 1 is intended to support artist research and development, and/or the development of project concepts for implementation at a later date.

Phase 1 fellowships are valued up to \$2,000. Project activities are expected to be completed within three months upon receiving the fellowship.

The key focus of the Arts Manningham FAIR is twofold:

- research for a new body of contemporary art work that either extends an existing body of work or represents a discernibly new conceptual/technical direction for the artist/s; and
- development of concepts for contemporary art projects such as site-specific installations, other non-gallery based exhibitions or artwork displays, performances and other public programs.

Successful applications will demonstrate the following assessment criteria:

- ability for the proposed fellowship project to meet the above focus areas for Arts Manningham FAIR;
- relevance to the Manningham community and different cultural/demographics within it;
- new modes of visualising or expressing ideas through contemporary artistic media; and



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- contribution to the ongoing development of the creative and cultural industries in Manningham, including economically.

Fellowship Phase 2

Upon completion of Phase 1, fellowship recipients will be invited to apply for a second phase of the fellowship to implement their proposed projects or translate their research into contemporary art projects to be delivered within Manningham. Phase 2 fellowships are valued up to \$4,000.

Applicants must have successfully completed their Phase 1 activities and be able to demonstrate that the feasibility and benefit of their proposed project to be eligible for a Phase 2 fellowship.

Successful applications will demonstrate:

- a capacity to successfully delivery their proposed project within budget;
- relevance of their proposed project to the Manningham community and different cultural/demographics within it;
- capacity of their proposed project to engage with the local community as well as attract visitors from outside of Manningham;
- that their proposed project represents or involves new modes of visualising or expressing ideas through contemporary artistic media; and
- contribution to the ongoing development of the creative and cultural industries in Manningham, including economically.

Artist in Residency

Fellowship recipients will also undertake a four-week residency component at Manningham Art Studios, with dates to be determined at the commencement of the fellowship. Temporary studio residency space is intended to enable recipients to:

- Undertake research and create artworks in full or in part (including preliminary work such as concept plans, studies, drawings, maquettes etc.);
- Connect with local community via public programs and open studio events (no the right word);
- Enable community art participation and education via public programs and open studio events, and;
- Encounter new perspectives and ideas by working in a new environment and engaging with a new community.

During the residency period, access to the studios will be available between the following times (subject to change):

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Monday to Friday, 2.00pm to 7.00pm
Saturday, 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Fellowship recipients will work with Arts and Culture officers to develop and deliver a small suite of public programs during the residency component of the FAIR. These may include open studio times, workshops, floor talks or other participatory events. Fellowship recipients will be paid separately and in accordance with recommended NAVA rates for each public program.

COVID Safe Plans and Practices

All FAIR activities must comply with current COVID Safe guidelines, relevant Victorian Government restrictions, and Manningham Council COVID Safe plans.

Fellowships, their component activities and timelines may be adapted in consultation with recipients where required by such restrictions.

Fellowship recipients will be required to develop event-specific COVID Safe plans prior to undertaking public programs such as workshops and talks, and public programs should be adaptable and able to be presented online if required.

How to Apply

Eligibility

To be eligible, you must:

- be a practising contemporary artist who lives or works (eg in a studio) in Manningham;
- demonstrate an existing and sustained practice of three years or more, and;
- able to complete all fellowship and residency activities within 12 months of receiving your fellowship.

Market and festival-style events, cultural performances, workshops and gallery-based exhibitions are ineligible.

Successful applicants will also be required to provide:

- valid Victorian Working With Children Check
- valid Certificate of Currency for public liability insurance to the value of \$10 million

Current Manningham Council staff, councillors and Arts Advisory Committee members are not eligible to apply.

Application Assessment

Applications are open from Monday 1 March 2021 to Sunday 25 April 2021.

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Applications can be made online at www.manningham.vic.gov.au/arts-fellowship-application

Please provide with your application:

- relevant and recent examples of your work (please provide clear, high-resolution images of work, as relevant)
- an artist CV detailing relevant education, exhibition, research and teaching history as well as details of your involvement in community art programs and any awards, grants or similar opportunities you have received
- up to two letters of support for your project or references relating to similar projects you may have undertaken
- any other relevant supporting materials

Questions

If you have any questions regarding Arts Manningham FAIR, please contact the Arts Manningham team via gallery@manningham.vic.gov.au or on 03 9840 9367.