

Queensland Arts Showcase Program – Guidelines

Queensland Arts Showcase Program (the Fund) is a key program of [Grow 2022-2026](#), the second action plan of the Queensland Government's [Creative Together 2020-2030](#), and is focused on celebrating Queensland's artists and stories, ensuring Queenslanders' access to high quality experiences and growing Queensland's cultural reputation.

Fund objectives

The objectives of the Queensland Arts Showcase Program are to:

- Support the development and presentation of new arts and cultural works by individual Queensland artists, organisations, and communities
- Strengthen skills development, and provide new employment and career development opportunities for artists and arts workers
- Grow a pipeline of high-quality arts, cultural products, and experiences

What the funding can be used for

The Fund supports applications from individuals and organisations for projects and programs at different stages of development and across multiple stages from creative development through to production, presentation, and distribution.

For example, you can apply for just the creative development stage of a new work or apply to fund the project from its early stages through to a tour of the finished work.

The fund will also support costs towards artistic collaboration with a nationally or internationally significant artist or company for an outcome in Queensland.

In addition, applicants have the options to apply for additional funding towards an industry placement as part of the project, and/or the fees for the commissioning of new live or recorded music as part of your project.

Funding available

- For single year projects - up to **\$70,000** for projects and programs for up to 12 months.
- For two-year projects up to **\$150,000** to support the development and delivery of single projects and programs across financial years. These are projects and programs that need a larger and/or longer scale of development of up to two-years and include presentation and/or distribution.

PLUS up to **\$60,000** towards one full-time industry placement for 12-months (or a pro rata equivalent for part-time) with a focus on arts management and/or arts production.

Arts Queensland will prioritise placements for individuals who are living and working outside of South East Queensland, or who are First Nations persons or persons with a disability, and placements for technical roles, production and design, and project management roles.

The placement must be:

- a new position
- built into the planned activity, and you must provide evidence of your intention for continued employment of the person or role
- supported by a holistic skills development program and a supervisor with appropriate experience
- paid at least minimum award wage and covered under employer's Workcover and superannuation.

Two-year funded applicants approved for this extra Industry Placement funding will have the option to apply for an additional **\$30,000** (or a pro rata equivalent) in Year 2 to continue employment of the placement if they can demonstrate the successful delivery of Year 1 and provide evidence of how they will transition to the continued employment of the person or role.

PLUS up to **\$10,000** towards fees for Queensland-based composers, musicians or librettists to support the commissioning of new live or recorded music as part of your project

Eligibility

Please refer to the Arts Queensland [General Funding Guidelines](#) for general eligibility criteria.

In addition, the Fund requires that applicants must:

- not receive Arts Queensland funding of more than \$1.5 million per annum
- **not** be an Arts Statutory Body or Arts Owned Company.

If applying for funding for an Industry Placement:

- the applicant must have a proven track record in the provision of a safe workplace with skills development and on-the-job training capacity
- the applicant must **not** have been successful in receiving Industry Placement funding before
- the placement must be a person permanently based in Queensland
- the placement cannot be already engaged in a different role in the project/program or employed in an ongoing and/or consecutive way by the applicant outside of the funded project.

Applicants may only receive one Queensland Arts Showcase Program grant per calendar year.

Ineligible costs

In addition to the items listed in the General Funding Guidelines you **cannot** apply for:

- agents' fees, or management fees for participating artists
- equipment purchases or digital upgrades over \$3,000 (excluding GST)
- rent and utilities
- expenses associated with core staff involved in funded activities including fees or wages, travel, accommodation and living-away-from-home allowances.

Assessment Criteria

Peer assessors will assess applications against the following general criteria:

High quality

- Creative idea or concept is innovative and will deliver high quality arts and cultural work
- Professionals involved are highly skilled and well regarded
- Includes collaborators and partners who will help create great outcomes

Strong impact

- Creates new employment opportunities and skills development for Queensland artists and arts workers
- Builds new audiences and markets and reputation for Queensland arts and cultures
- Responds to community needs and helps deliver government priorities including the principles of the [Cultural Engagement Framework](#)

Sustainable value

- Demonstrates value for money, sound governance, and ethical business practices, including paying amount not less than industry award rates, recommended or agreed minimum rates, and adhering to cultural protocols
- Proposed activity has a strong delivery plan including understanding potential risks and their management
- Will contribute to the sustainability and growth of Queensland's arts and cultural sector

Submitting your application

You can submit your application, along with project timeframe, budget, and support materials including letters of support, artist biographies/CVs, examples of prior work and appropriate cultural permissions online through SmartyGrants: <https://artsqueensland.smartygrants.com.au>

Applications must be submitted by the Fund closing dates as outlined below:

Key application dates

	Open	Close	Notification	Activity Start Date
Round 5 (single and two-year projects)	4 March 2024	2pm 15 April 2024	Mid July 2024	From 22 July 2024
Round 6 (Guidelines tbc)	29 July 2024	9 September 2024	Mid November 2024	From 1 January 2025

For support with technical issues related to the online application, please contact an Arts Queensland Grants Officer on telephone (07) 3034 4016 or toll free 1800 175 531 or email investment@arts.qld.gov.au .

Note: Arts Queensland reserves the right to modify the Fund Guidelines at any time. Applicants will be notified of changes.