

GUIDELINES

2025 Catapult Mentorship

The Opportunity:

Catapult mentorships provide creative professionals with essential funding and guidance that foster long-lasting impacts on the recipient's practice. From a strong history of successful mentorships, Catapult has supported a diverse range of artists and learning outcomes, each with an ambitious drive to build on existing skills to further develop professionalism and sustainable creative practice. South Australian mentees engage with mentors, locally, nationally and internationally to develop skills, realise goals and learn through generative exchange. Robust connections between mentee and mentor, plus clear goals, have proven crucial for meaningful outcomes.

It is acknowledged that the aims and outcomes of a mentorship differ from a grant application, and it is advised that applicants familiarise themselves with the breadth of previous recipients and the [FAQs](#) before forming an application. Learn more about Catapult mentorships [here](#).

The Partners:

Catapult is generously funded through the Guildhouse Creative Champions donor program and Country Arts SA.

Who is eligible?

- Guildhouse Community or Accredited members, residing in South Australia.
- This opportunity is not available to undergraduate students, studying at the time of application or during the project.
- Previous recipients of a Catapult mentorship are ineligible.

What is included?

The selected recipient will receive \$7,000 administered by Guildhouse.
Visit the [FAQs](#) for further information on formulating your budget.

Important Dates:

Call out opens: 21 July 2025

Online information session: 7 August 2025

Call out closes: 18 August 2025

Selected applicant notified: late August 2025

Mentorship period: September 2025 - April 2026

How will applications be assessed?

The panel will include representatives from Guildhouse and Country Arts SA, plus an esteemed artist from the South Australian arts industry. Applicants will be assessed against the following selection criteria:

- Strength of proposed activities
- Artistic merit
- Support Material
- Outline of applicant's reasoning for applying and expectations

How do I apply?

Applications are submitted via the [online form](#). Applications must include:

- A confirmed local, national or international mentor.
- **Contact details:** for the mentor – phone and email
- **Project Summary & Proposal:** Outline your mentorship proposal and your key aims. These might include:
 - the relevance of the mentor to the mentee
 - what you hope to gain and learn from the mentor
 - structure of the mentorship program (how you will connect, discussion plan)
- **Project Timeline:** The Catapult mentorship program is to be completed within an 8-month period. The duration of the mentorship should be designed to align with the mentee's goals as outlined in the Proposal. The Project Timeline should provide key milestone events, such as meetings between mentor and mentee, production of work, critique sessions etc.
- **Biography:** 200 words each, for mentor and mentee
- **Budget:** Prepare a budget that outlines income and expenditure for the project. This might include travel expenses, mentee/mentor fees, material costs as expenditures. Income would include the Catapult fee and any other funding streams (either personal or otherwise).
- **1 page CV:** for the mentee
- **Support Letter:** A Support Letter from someone with a good understanding of your practice, outlining your suitability for the mentorship. Your proposed mentor cannot write the Support Letter.
- **Supporting images:** Include up to 5 images indicative of your own work and 1 image indicative of the mentor's practice. Collate the images into a pdf. document with image captions. File must not exceed 10MB. If your practice is video based, please include links in your pdf. document with any access requirements to view.

Still have questions?

For more information, contact Guildhouse via guildhouse@guildhouse.org.au or (08) 8410 1822.

Access:

Guildhouse recognises that barriers may prevent creative practitioners from accessing our programs. For a confidential discussion of your access needs, please contact us at guildhouse@guildhouse.org.au, (08) 84101822 or via the [National Relay Service](#).

