

Guidelines

2025 Catapult Mentorship – Round 2

The Opportunity:

Catapult is an artist-led mentoring program delivered by Guildhouse since 2018. The program provides a flexible and paid opportunity for South Australian artists, craft practitioners and designers at all stages of their career to purposefully engage with their chosen mentor, with Guildhouse providing support and facilitation.

Through Catapult, Guildhouse has supported more than 70 artists to pursue tailored learning and growth. South Australian mentees can select a local, national or international mentor to support skill development and the expansion of their practice through fruitful exchange. Robust connections between mentee and mentor, plus clear goals, have proven essential for meaningful outcomes.

It is acknowledged that the aims and outcomes of a mentorship differ from a grant application. What makes Catapult unique is its focus on generative exchange and learning, rather than material outcomes or a public presentation of work. As Catapult is not a project grant, it is advised that applicants familiarise themselves with the breadth of [previous recipients](#) and the [FAQs](#) before forming an application.

Catapult is made possible through the philanthropic support of Guildhouse's Creative Champions donor program. This round has also been supported by individual donations from Guildhouse's Catapult Creativity fundraising campaign, as part of Creative Australia's AusArt Day - the first national giving day to the arts.

Who is eligible?

This opportunity is only available to South Australian Guildhouse Community or Accredited Members. Undergraduate students, studying at the time of application or during the mentorship period, are ineligible. Previous recipients of a Catapult mentorship cannot apply. If you previously participated in Catapult as a mentee, you are eligible to be a mentor.

What is included?

The selected recipient will receive \$7,000 administered by Guildhouse and paid directly to the mentee and mentor in two instalments.

Visit the [FAQs](#) for further information on formulating your budget.

Important Dates:

Call out opens: 3 November 2025

Online info session: 13 November 2025

Call out closes: 30 November 2025, 6pm

Selected applicants notified: mid-December 2025

Mentorship period: January 2026 - September 2026

How will applications be assessed?

The panel will include representatives from Guildhouse and our Artist Advisory Group. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Goals and plan for how the mentorship will extend your practice
- Outline of applicant's reasoning for applying and expectations
- Track record and readiness for mentorship
- Support material demonstrating artistic ambition and excellence

How do I prepare my application and apply?

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

- **Confirmation of Guildhouse Membership:** Community or Accredited Membership
- **Contact details:** for mentee and confirmed mentor
- **Mentee website and social media (if applicable)**
- **Brief summary:** provide a 30-word outline of the mentorship aims
- **Mentorship Proposal (700 words max):** Outline your proposal and key goals. 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 (e.g. how you will connect, discussion plan).
- **Mentorship Timeline (pdf. format):** 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. The timeline should provide key milestone events (meetings between mentor and mentee, critique sessions etc.).
- **Biography:** 200 words each, for mentor and mentee
- **Mentorship Budget (pdf. format):** Outlines income and expenditure for the mentorship (e.g. travel expenses, mentee/mentor fees, material costs). Income would include the Catapult fee and any other funding streams (either personal or otherwise).
- **1 page CV (pdf. format):** For the mentee
- **Support Letter (pdf. format):** 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.
- **Support Images (pdf. format):** 5 images of your own work and 1 image indicative of the mentor's practice, collated in a pdf. document with image captions. File must not exceed 10MB. If your practice is video based, include links in the pdf. document with any access requirements to view.

Still have questions?

For more information, contact Guildhouse's Membership Coordinator 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](#).

