



Guidelines

2027 Catapult + Adelaide Fringe Mentorship

The Opportunity

The Catapult + Adelaide Fringe Mentorship provides a 9-month funded opportunity for a South Australian visual artist, craft practitioner or designer. The mentorship will culminate in an artist talk as part of the 2027 Adelaide Fringe.

This opportunity aims to enrich the mentee's professional and creative development through dedicated time spent with their chosen local, national or international mentor. Through generative exchange, the mentee will be supported to develop skills and realise goals, allowing time to learn more about their own practice, and that of their mentor.

Building on Guildhouse's strong history of successful mentorships, this call out continues to focus on applications that provide long-lasting impacts on the recipient's professional practice. One mentee will be selected for this opportunity.

The aims and outcomes of a mentorship differ from that of a grant application. Applicants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the breadth of previous recipients before applying. Further information on Catapult can be found [here](#).

The Partners

The Catapult + Adelaide Fringe Mentorship is presented in collaboration with Guildhouse and the Adelaide Fringe Foundation – Arts Unlimited.

Who is eligible?

- Guildhouse Community or Accredited Members, residing in South Australia.
- The mentee must have [Public and Product Liability Insurance, \\$20,000,000](#).
- This opportunity is not available to students studying at tertiary level at the time of application or during the mentorship period.
- Previous recipients of a Catapult mentorship are ineligible. Previous mentees can be selected as mentors.

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What is included?

The selected mentee and mentor will collectively receive \$8,000 administered by Guildhouse, paid in two instalments in accordance with the mentee's budget allocation.

- \$7,000 – mentee and mentor fees (including superannuation)
- \$1,000 – artist talk fees (e.g. Adelaide Fringe registration, venue fees)

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

Important Dates

Call out opens: 2 April 2026

Call out closes: 3 May 2026, 6pm

Selected applicant notified: mid-May 2026

Mentorship period: May 2026 - March 2027

Outcome delivery: Fringe Festival 2027, 19 February - 21 March

How will applications be assessed?

The selection panel will include representatives from Guildhouse and Adelaide Fringe. 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

Guildhouse adheres to Creative Australia's [Protocols for using First Nations Cultural and Intellectual Property in the Arts](#).



How to apply

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

- **Confirmed mentor:** A local, national or international mentor
- **Contact details:** for mentee and mentor
- **Mentorship Summary & Proposal (700 words):** Outline the Proposal and key aims. These might address the relevance of the mentor to the mentee, what the mentee hopes to gain/learn from the mentor, structure of the mentorship program.
- **Biography:** 200 words each, for mentor and mentee
- **Timeline (pdf.):** The duration of the mentorship (9 months) should be designed to align with the mentee's goals as outlined in the Proposal. The Timeline should provide key milestone events, such as meetings between mentor and mentee, critique sessions etc.
- **Budget (pdf.):** Prepare a budget that outlines income and expenditure. Income would include the Catapult fee and any other funding streams (personal or otherwise). Expenditure might include travel expenses, mentee/mentor fees, Adelaide Fringe registration fee, venue fee and material costs.
- **1 page CV (pdf.):** For the mentee
- **Mentor Statement (pdf.):** A 200-word statement from the confirmed mentor that speaks to the proposed arrangement, their capacity to guide professional development and support the mentee in reaching their goals. This statement must be signed by the mentor.
- **Support Letter (pdf.):** A Support Letter from someone with a good understanding of the mentee's practice, outlining suitability for the mentorship. The proposed mentor cannot write the Support Letter.
- **Support Images:** 5 images of the mentee's work and 1 image indicative of the mentor's practice. Collate the images into a pdf. document with captions, not exceeding 10MB. For video work, please include links in the 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](#).

