



## Guidelines

# The Guildhouse Collections Project - 60 Year Archive

## The Opportunity

The Guildhouse Collections Project is a highly regarded artistic opportunity which places an artist inside a significant South Australian collection to research, reflect, respond and develop new work for exhibition.

To mark Guildhouse's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, Guildhouse is creating a paid opportunity for a South Australian visual artist, craft practitioner or designer to immerse themselves in Guildhouse's archival collection, to create new work in response, and to present the work to audiences.

The Guildhouse Collections Project – 60 Year Archive includes:

- An artist fee of \$12,000 paid directly to the artist
- Payment of 12% superannuation
- Supported access to the Guildhouse Collection
- Dedicated office space at the Guildhouse Lion Arts Membership Hub
- The opportunity to work with an independent curator and writer
- A public presentation at the Adelaide Town Hall, planned with the artist, curator, City of Adelaide and Guildhouse for early 2027
- Professional documentation of the work and/or exhibition for the purpose of promoting the recipient, their work and the program

## About the Guildhouse Collection

Guildhouse possesses an irreplaceable record of South Australia's visual art, craft and design history and the activities, people, groups and organisations who have defined it. The archive is of immense value, but has never been available publicly, let alone interpreted by an artist. This project offers an unparalleled commission to engage with South Australia's art history, and in response, develop a new body of work for exhibition. The archive includes textual records, artworks, ephemera, catalogues, posters, reports, banners, artefacts, and the living collection of Guildhouse Members.

The project will also commission an independent curator and writer to work with the artist for their public exhibition in early 2027.

## The Partners

This program is supported by the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund with additional funding provided by City of Adelaide and Guildhouse.

The program is delivered by Guildhouse.

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## The Impact

This unique project leverages Guildhouse's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, contributing to new Australian visual arts discourse through new artistic production, curation and writing that details art histories that are at risk of being forgotten or lost.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for this opportunity applicants must be:

- A Guildhouse Community or Accredited Member
- Resident in South Australia at the time of application
- An individual (not an organisation or collective)
- Not currently studying (undergraduate or postgraduate)
- Not a previous recipient of The Guildhouse Collections Project
- Holding current [Public and Product Liability Insurance, \\$20,000,000](#).
- Available to travel to Adelaide to access the Guildhouse archive and to present their work in early-2027.

The recipient will be required to complete reports to track progress and outcomes of the project.

## Selection Criteria

- The strength of the artist's project proposal, specifically their plan to respond to Guildhouse's archival collection
- The artist's intentions to translate the archive to reach diverse contemporary art, craft and/or design audiences
- The quality and diversity of the artist's artistic career to date
- The artist's readiness for archival research and creation of new work
- The quality of supporting materials demonstrating artistic ambition and excellence
- The viability of the artist's proposal including timeline

## Important Dates

Call out opens: Wednesday, 1 July 2026

Call out closes: Tuesday 28 July 2026, 6pm

Selection panel: Week beginning 3 August 2026

Applicants notified: Week beginning 10 August 2026

Activity period: August 2026 – early-March 2027

Suggested timeline:

- Research: August – October 2026
- Development of new work: November 2026 – January 2027

Exhibition install: late-February 2027

Presentation: March 2027



## How will applications be assessed?

Written applications and accompanying visual documentation will be reviewed by an independent panel. The selection panel will include representatives from Guildhouse, City of Adelaide and an established artist representative.

One artist will be selected for the opportunity.

The decision of the selection panel will be final.

All applicants will be eligible to receive feedback on their application.

The proposed body of work must be appropriate for installation in the Adelaide Town Hall and be deliverable within the project parameters.

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

## Exhibiting at the City of Adelaide

Delivering on the [Cultural Policy 2025 – 2036](#), the City of Adelaide exhibition programs support high-quality arts experiences that foster civic engagement, social connection and community wellbeing. Committed to supporting South Australian artists at all stages of practice we aim to maintain high standards of care, presentation and accessibility across all exhibition spaces.

Exhibition outcomes for The Guildhouse Collections Project - 60 Year Archive will be developed for the Adelaide Town Hall First Floor and Northern Galleries.

Artists are advised that artwork outcomes for the First Floor Gallery should be wall based artwork designed to have a sense of presence and scale within the space that can be safely hung from the picture rail hanging system provided. Within the Northern Gallery space in the presentation there is a further accommodation for 3D artworks and archival material to be included also.



## How to apply

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

Applications must include:

- **Confirmation of Guildhouse Community or Accredited Membership**
- **Personal details and contact information**
- **Biography (200 words max):** Outline of your creative background, career highlights and achievements. Find our Artist Toolkit [here](#) for guidance.
- **Brief summary of Project Proposal (30 words max)**
- **Project Proposal (700 words max):** A description of your plans to engage with the archive and your motivations for applying addressing the following:
  - Your interest in engaging with the history of Guildhouse, and our evolution as the Crafts Association of South Australia, Crafts Council of South Australia and Craftsouth.
  - The significance and urgency of this opportunity for your artistic practice
  - What you aim to explore conceptually, materially and/or technically through this artistic engagement. How do you anticipate that engaging with the archive will contribute to the creation of new work? As the project is intended to provide the opportunity for research which will inform the development of new work, plans on fixed outcomes are not required at this stage. However, indications of what you are seeking to explore is expected.
- **Budget (pdf.):** Prepare a budget that outlines income and expenditure. Income would include the artist fee and any other funding streams (personal or otherwise). Expenditure would include material costs and any other expenditure lines. Use our Artist Toolkit [here](#) for guidance on how to structure a budget.
- **1 page CV (pdf.):** Use our Artist Toolkit [here](#) for guidance.
- **Support Images (pdf.):** 5 images indicative of your practice, collated into a pdf. document with captions, not exceeding 10MB.

## Still have questions?

For more information, please contact Guildhouse via [guildhouse@guildhouse.org.au](mailto:guildhouse@guildhouse.org.au) or (08) 8410 1822. Guildhouse is open Monday - Thursday, 9:30am - 5:00pm.

## Access

Guildhouse recognises that barriers may prevent Deaf/disabled artists and artists from underrepresented backgrounds from accessing our programs and opportunities.

For a confidential discussion of your access needs, please contact us at [guildhouse@guildhouse.org.au](mailto:guildhouse@guildhouse.org.au), (08) 84101822 or via the [National Relay Service](#).