



Guidelines

Guildhouse Catapult Mentorship 2026

The Opportunity

Since 2018, Guildhouse's flagship Catapult mentorship program has provided over 70 South Australian visual artists, craft practitioners and designers with the critical funding and support to engage in a self-led mentorship with an established local, national or international mentor. The program provides a flexible and paid opportunity for artists at all stages of their career to purposefully engage in mentorship with their chosen mentor, with Guildhouse providing support and facilitation.

What makes Guildhouse's Catapult program unique is its focus on generative exchange and learning, with no expectations for material outcomes or a public presentation of work. It is acknowledged that the aims and outcomes of a mentorship differ from a grant application. As Catapult is not a project grant, it is advised that applicants familiarise themselves with the breadth of [previous recipients](#) before forming an application.

Two opportunities are available as part of this call out. One mentorship is identified for a South Australian regional artist, supported by Country Arts SA. Each mentorship is valued at \$7,000 with funds administered by Guildhouse.

The Partners

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

This round has also been supported by individual donations from Guildhouse's Catapult Creativity fundraising campaign, as part of Creative Australia's 2025 AusArt Day - the first national giving day to the arts.

The Impact

The professional development and creative practices of Catapult recipients show ambition, drive and dedication, changing the trajectory of the South Australian artistic landscape and artists' careers. Robust connections between mentee and mentor, plus clear goals, have proven essential for meaningful outcomes.

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What is included?

The selected mentee and mentor will collectively receive \$7,000 administered by Guildhouse, paid in two instalments in accordance with the mentee's budget allocation.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this opportunity, applicants must be:

- A Guildhouse Community or Accredited Member.
- Residing 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 a Catapult mentorship. Previous mentees can be selected as mentors.
- Not currently engaged in a Guildhouse program at the time of application.

Mentee and mentor will be required to complete reports to track progress and outcomes of the mentorship.

Selection Criteria

- The strength of the goals and plan for how the mentorship will extend the mentee's practice;
- Outline of reasoning for applying and expectations;
- Track record and readiness for mentorship;
- Support material demonstrating artistic ambition and excellence;
- Feasibility of the timeline and proposed engagement with the mentor across the mentorship period; and
- Rationale for choice of mentor in relation to the mentee's practice and goals.

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 and an esteemed artist representative.

Two mentorships will be selected, and the panel's decision will be final.

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

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



Important Dates

Call out opens: Thursday, 10 September 2026

Call out closes: 6pm Sunday, 18 October 2026

Selected applicant notified: early-November 2026

Mentorship period: November 2026 – July 2027 (9 months)

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. This must 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 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, please contact Guildhouse via 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, (08) 84101822 or via the [National Relay Service](#).

