



Australian Government



Arts Funding Guide 2013

Image: Robyn Backen, *Last Word*, Siteworks, Bundanon Trust, 2012. Mixed media sound installation and performance. Photo: Ian Hobbs

Visual Arts

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The Australia Council funds Australian visual arts primarily through the Visual Arts Board and the Market Development section. In 2011–12, we invested \$15.7 million in the visual arts, including \$13.6 million through the Visual Arts Board.

The Visual Arts Board supports the contemporary expression of art through the broadest range of visual media; including craft, design, media and visual arts. This support includes grants to artists and funding for contemporary arts organisations, as well as national and international exhibitions and events. Other forms of funding are made through market and audience development initiatives and cross-sector programs.

In providing support to artists and arts organisations, the board aims to encourage the engagement of people in Australia and elsewhere in innovative visual art. Through the New Work and Key Organisations grant categories the board also allocates funds on behalf of the Visual Arts and Craft Strategy. Further information about the Visual Arts Board's priorities can be found in its sector plan, published in the Artforms section of our website.

Our Market Development section also offers grants and initiatives that benefit visual artists, curators and organisations including:

- Art Fare: Australian Art Export
- Hopscotch
- Venice Biennale
- Visions of Australia
- Visions of Australia – Contemporary Touring Initiative.

For more information on these programs refer to the Market Development section (pages 73–78).

Artists can also apply for funding through our Early Career Artists and Producers Program (ECAPP) and Creative Australia Artists Grants including Creative Australia Fellowships.

“As an established artist working within experimental and interdisciplinary genres, this Fellowship has enabled me to undertake an ambitious two year program, both within and outside Australia. The grant has also facilitated the time required to develop a deeper engagement with my practice.”

Robyn Backen
2011 grant recipient
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Artist Run Initiatives – New Work

Visual Arts Board (grant)

Amount \$20,000 (\$25,000 for applicants in Victoria only)

Applications close 30 January 2013

Decisions advised March 2013

Eligible projects commence from April 2013

These grants are designed to support Artist Run Initiatives (ARI) to present programs and/or activities that enrich the diversity of artistic practice in Australia and enable artists to make new work.

Australia Council Visual Arts Laureate Award and Medal

Visual Arts Board (award)

Amount Award (\$40,000), medal (\$10,000)

Applications close 27 May 2013

Decisions advised Recipients will be announced in 2014

The Australia Council Visual Arts Laureate Award and Laureate Medal recognise the special achievements of Australian visual artists, arts writers and advocates who are making an outstanding contribution to the development of Australian art.

Fellowships

Visual Arts Board (grant)

Amount \$120,000 over two years

Applications close 15 April 2013

Decisions advised July 2013

Eligible projects commence from August 2013

These grants provide financial support to craftspeople, designers, media artists and visual artists who have an outstanding record of achievement in their field. The funding assists artists to realise ambitious projects which will demonstrably advance their career. Individual artists are eligible to apply.