



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Eligibility

1. Am I eligible for the ANAT Synapse Fellowship?

This fellowship is only open to artists who have participated in an **ANAT Synapse residency program**. Artists who have undertaken Bespoke-style residencies or other ANAT programs are ineligible to apply for the Fellowship (for example, programs that do not have “Synapse” in their title). The Synapse program has been ongoing for 20 years since 2004, and 50+ artists have participated. If you are one of these 50+ ANAT Synapse alumni, you are eligible.

You will additionally need to meet the eligibility criteria stated in the [Guidelines](#).

2. I’m not an ANAT Synapse alumnus, but I want to apply. How do I become eligible?

The only way to become eligible is to have already undertaken and completed an ANAT Synapse residency in the past. . If you are not already an alumnus by the time the fellowship is announced, unfortunately, you are not eligible for the Fellowship.

Application

3. How do I apply?

Please read the [Application Guidelines](#) for details, then complete an application form (both can be found on the '[Apply](#)' page here).

4. When is the application deadline?

The application deadline is 3pm (ACST), 18 April 2024.

5. What documents do I need to submit?

You will need to submit your biography, a project proposal, support material and relevant letters of support (if applicable.) Details of requirements can be found on the [application form](#).

6. Are there accessible ways to apply?

Yes. The online application form has features that conform to the WCAG 2.1 AA (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines) standards set by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C).

As an alternative, applicants can:

- request a Word document version of the application form to complete, if required. Wherever possible, the online form is our preferred submission method.
- Submit a video or audio response to the project proposal portion of their application. Details about how to submit an alternative response are listed on the application form (both the online and word document versions).

7. After I apply, what are the next steps?

Applications will be reviewed by an experienced panel (details in Q9 below). One applicant will be chosen to undertake the Fellowship. Notifications of the outcome of your application will be made by June.

8. If I receive a decision indicating my application has been declined, can I apply again?

If your application is declined, then you can't apply again for this fellowship. However, you're welcome to apply for other ANAT program opportunities that arise.

Selection

9. Who will be on the assessment panel and what does the selection process look like?

The selection panel comprises experienced, independent art + science + technology practitioners and ANAT staff. The panel will individually evaluate your application against the assessment criteria listed in the Application Guidelines with each individual panel member reviewing and ranking each application and all applications are then ranked in order. The panel then meets as a group to further discuss the assessments and to finalise the decision.

10. What are the selection criteria?

A full list of selection criteria can be found in the [Application Guidelines](#).

11. Can the selection committee provide feedback on my application?

Brief, written feedback will be provided to individual applicants at the time of notification. The time and energy taken to review the applications is significant and non-staff panel members will be

remunerated as per NAVA's code of practice rates to undertake the review process. ANAT does not have further funds to support additional, individual feedback.

Fellowship

12. What does the Fellowship entail?

This Fellowship consists of a \$20,000 grant to support the recipient's artistic practice. Details of what the Fellowship may entail can be found in the [Application Guidelines](#). Additionally, the selected Fellow will be amplified and platformed throughout ANAT's communication channels, including our website, social media, and Google Arts & Culture page.

13. How long is the fellowship?

The successful artist can undertake the Fellowship between June and December 2024.

14. What is expected of the successful ANAT Synapse Fellowship recipient?

The successful recipient of the fellowship will be expected to use the \$20,000 grant for artistic development. ANAT has detailed expected deliverables of the recipient in the [Application Guidelines](#). The successful Artist will enter into an agreement with ANAT to ensure all details are clear to each party. ANAT will work with the fellow on the storytelling component of the project.

A high standard of general professional conduct will also be required (e.g. good communication, following best practice protocols as set out by Creative Australia and NAVA). Furthermore, a project acquittal survey must be submitted on completion of the fellowship.

For more details, see the 'Artist deliverables' section on page 4 of the Application Guidelines.

15. Can the fellowship be used to fund work leading to an MFA or PhD or any other academic degree? Or to fund work as part of my paid employment?

No, the fellowship cannot be used to fund work leading to an academic degree. Nor can it be put towards work undertaken as part of an artist's paid employment. Further details regarding eligibility can be found in the [Application Guidelines](#).