



Program Guidelines

A creative support framework for art, science and technology collaborators.

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Overview

ANAT Bespoke is a personalised program for industry and research partners working with artists across art, science and technology.

ANAT Bespoke supports tailored pathways for science and technology industry and sector partners to work with artists - opening up new models of support beyond traditional funding structures and centring the voice of the artist. This enables space for creative experimentation, deep research and connections whilst creating new knowledge and amplifying artistic research projects.

Past [ANAT Bespoke projects](#) have emerged through partnerships with universities, industry, cultural organisations and research bodies, with ANAT acting as a cultural partner, connector and project host to support the development, visibility and impact of the work.

ANAT acts as cultural partner, connector and project steward to support the development, visibility and impact of ambitious art-science projects. We have partnered with organisations across diverse sectors, from health and medical research institutes and national science agencies, to universities and industry, bringing artists into dialogue with complex systems and fields of knowledge. ANAT does this by providing sector expertise, partnership development, project guidance, communications support and access to national and international networks.

ANAT Bespoke sits within ANAT's commitment to amplify unheard voices, nourish artistic experimentation, adapt through diverse partnerships, and transcend boundaries in how stories are shared. ([ANAT](#))

Accessibility

Please reach out to our friendly staff if you have any particular access needs in relation to your project. We will provide support and accept different formats for your submission wherever possible.

Please see the final page in these guidelines for our contact information.

Our Intent

ANAT Bespoke is for partners and their collaborating artists who want:

- Time and space to explore ideas that don't fit into a typical project or residency model
- Support to experiment with new technologies, practices, materials or artistic inquiries
- Collaboration with broad interdisciplinary partners across diverse sectors (and researchers within the science and technology fields)
- Opportunities for the artists to deepen their practice and for partners to expand creative networks

ANAT Bespoke is open to artists from all stages of their careers and practice and encourages bold, thoughtful work to emerge.

Core Principles

These values guide how Bespoke works, grounded in ANAT's [strategic vision](#):

• Relational & Caring

Work is developed through trust, active listening and mutual respect - between artists, their partners and ANAT.

• Ethical & Inclusive

We centre diversity, care for living systems, and support practices that recognise histories, cultures and futures with integrity.

- **Experimental & Innovative**

Bespoke supports curiosity and boundary-stretching ideas that open new ways of thinking and making.

- **Adaptive & Collaborative**

Projects grow through meaningful partnerships that strengthen artistic outcomes and build resilient practice ecosystems.

What Bespoke Offers

Every ANAT Bespoke project is uniquely shaped to your idea with support from ANAT as project steward and sector specialist, and might include a mix of:

- **Creative and technical mentorship** or advising
- **Partnership development** with institutions, communities, industries or research settings, that can provide **access to specialist labs, technology or research expertise**
- **Project development pathways** towards further research, interdisciplinary practice development and future outcomes
- **Storytelling to ANAT's network** via marketing and communications support and showcasing the project via digital channels

ANAT Bespoke projects are funded through project partners, research collaborations, industry partnerships or external grants secured by the artist and/or partners.

Within ANAT's role as a cultural partner and project support organisation, ANAT retains a 10–15% project administration and support fee, which contributes to financial management, reporting, partnership development, communications and sector support connected to the project.

Support is negotiated with ANAT and project partners, ensuring clarity on commitments and allocation of resources, and collaborative infrastructure.

Collaborative Partners

ANAT Bespoke thrives on reciprocal partnerships that bring mutual value and commitment, with shared enthusiasm for ambitious creativity.

We invite partners who are keen to collaborate with artists, and can provide:

- **Expertise and resources** - scientific, technological, cultural, community, industry, research environments
- **Funding support** - full or partial, project-specific or ongoing
- **In-kind facilities, equipment or mentoring capacity**
- **Networks and pathways** for artists to test, show or extend their ideas

Partnership benefits include partnership profiling, sector visibility, sharing outcomes, and deep engagement with artistic innovation that aligns with strategic goals around reciprocity, cross-sector learning and ecological thinking. ([ANAT](#)).

See more information on the ANAT Bespoke Partner Pitch Summary here.

How It Works

1. Pitch & Submit:

Tell us about your idea, what you're exploring and who your intended collaborators and/or partners are via the online EOI form.

2. Connect & Refine:

If selected, you will be invited to meet with ANAT and to enter into phase 2 of the EOI process with a further developed proposal. This will be reviewed by ANAT and independent experts.

3. Agreement & Activation:

Once partners and resources are confirmed, the Bespoke plan is activated with an agreement, outlining all details and commitments

4. Reflection & Sharing:

During the project lifecycle, ANAT will host regular meetings to reflect on progress, to advise when needed and will provide communication support and access to national and international networks.

Expectations

For all participants, ANAT Bespoke is built on:

- Authentic collaboration and open communication
- Respect for all contributors, knowledge systems and communities
- Clear agreements on resource commitments

- Shared care for artistic and partner goals

We strive for outcomes that matter and meaningful impact in artistic practice and shared understanding.

Outcomes & Visibility

Outcomes vary by project - they may include (and are not limited to):

- Work-in-development, prototypes, research outputs
- Cross-sector dialogues, mentorships and knowledge exchange
- Digital projects, performances, exhibitions,
- Public talks, workshops, publications

Public outcomes are encouraged when appropriate, but not required if they don't serve the core inquiry.

Who Can Apply

ANAT Bespoke is open to project partners from broad sectors with Australian artists of any field and career stage, who:

- Are proposing artist-led, conceptually strong, research-driven ideas (working across art, science and/or technology fields)
- Seek deep engagement beyond one-off activities
- Are willing to work collaboratively to shape their project
- Can articulate why a bespoke approach is right for their project

ANAT values radical diversity and supports equity-driven practice, and welcomes applicants from all backgrounds, identities and locations.

All participants in the program are required to adhere to best [best practice protocols](#), as set out by Creative Australia.

Ineligibility:

- Artists who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents
 - Artists who have been successful recipients of ANAT Synapse or Bespoke programs within the last 5 years
 - Recipients of any ANAT program who have not acquitted their past project
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How to Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI)

Important dates:

ANAT Bespoke is open year-round (up to 1 September for projects taking place the following year). We will consider expressions of interest for projects that begin from 2027 and beyond.

Selection criteria:

- Scope and viability
- Artistic merit
- Impact of collaboration for artist and their intended partner
- Alignment with ANAT's Strategic Objectives ([ANAT Strategic Plan](#))

Selection will take place in two phases:

1. Initial EOI phase:

Submissions will be accepted via the online form. Information required will include:

- Contact information and CV's
- A short overview of the project and partnership benefits
- An indication of funding and resources
- Artistic support material
- Approximate project dates

ANAT will review and respond to your submission within 6 weeks.

2. Final selection phase:

Shortlisted submissions will be reviewed by sector and industry experts later in the year. Selected artists will be asked to submit:

- Refined project statement
- Detailed project schedule and budget
- Answers to further questions or other information needed, as applicable to your project

We invite initial Expressions of Interest (EOI) via an online form:

[Submit an EOI here](#)

The online form can be saved as you go, using a unique url link to go back to. An email address is required to use this feature. To ensure work is not lost

though, we suggest using your own initial working document saved to your computer or device.

Accessibility:

The online 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 form to complete, if required. Upon request, ANAT will consider other alternative application formats. Please contact us directly to discuss further. Wherever possible, the online form is our preferred submission method.

Please reach out to us if you encounter any issues when using the form. Our contact details are listed below.

Contact

Please reach out to our friendly staff if you have any questions:

- Email: apply@anat.org.au
 - Telephone: 08 8231 9037
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