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## Program Guidelines

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

### Overview

ANAT Bespoke is a program through which industry and research partners work with artists across art, science and technology, in partnership with ANAT.

The program supports tailored project pathways, opening up new models of support beyond traditional funding structures. This enables space for curiosity and creative experimentation, deep research and connections whilst creating new knowledge and amplifying interdisciplinary research projects.

Past [ANAT Bespoke projects](#) have emerged through partnerships across diverse sectors, from cultural organisations and research bodies, health and medical research institutes and national science agencies, to universities and industry. ANAT acts as a cultural partner, connector and project steward to support the development, visibility and impact of ambitious interdisciplinary projects. We do this by providing sector expertise, partnership development, project guidance, communications support and access to national and international networks. This brings artists into dialogue with complex systems and fields of knowledge.

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

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## Accessibility

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

You will find our contact information on the final page of these guidelines.

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## 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 within the art, science and technology fields
- Opportunities for interdisciplinary artists to deepen their practice and for partners to expand creative networks

ANAT Bespoke is open to partners within the science and technology fields and artists from all stages of their careers and practice, to encourage bold, thoughtful work to emerge.

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## 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, 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 scientific and artistic outcomes, and build resilient practice ecosystems.

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## 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 partner/s.

As part of the project budget, artists are paid an artist fee at NAVA recommended rates and an agreed portion is also allocated to ANAT for its support related to the project.

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

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## 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** - to support the project and artist fees (as per [NAVA recommendations](#))
- **In-kind facilities, equipment or mentoring capacity**
- **Networks and pathways** for artists to research, 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](#).**

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## 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 (phase 1)

### 2. Connect & Refine:

If the EOI is shortlisted to enter into phase 2, you will be invited to provide a further developed proposal. This will be reviewed by ANAT and independent experts.

### 3. Agreement & Activation:

If successful, collaborators and resources are confirmed and 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.

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## 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, meaningful impact in artistic practice and shared understanding.

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## 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.

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## 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 creative, conceptually strong, research-driven ideas (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, welcoming 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 and partners 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:

We will consider expressions of interest for projects that begin from 2027 and beyond.

Submissions open:	Year round
Deadline for projects beginning the following year:	1 September of current year
Notification: phase 1:	6 weeks from submission
Notification: phase 2:	November/early December
Successful project begins:	Following year of submission

## Selection criteria:

- Scope and viability
- Strength of project and artistic merit
- Impact of collaboration for artist and partners
- 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
- Indicative artistic and project support material
- Approximate project dates

### 2. Final selection phase:

Shortlisted submissions will be reviewed by sector and industry experts. Selected projects 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. We suggest using your own initial working document saved to your computer or device. Please reach out to us if you encounter any issues when using the form. Our contact details are listed below.

**Accessibility:**

The online form meets WCAG 2.1 AA accessibility standards. If you need an alternative way to submit an application - please get in touch and we will find a way to support you. Our contact details are below. Wherever possible, the online form is our preferred submission method.

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## **Contact**

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

- Email: [apply@anat.org.au](mailto:apply@anat.org.au)
- Telephone: 08 8231 9037