

ARTISTS INTO IMMERSIVE | IMMERSIVE CREATIVE STUDIO BURSARY SUPPORT

BURSARY GUIDELINES: *Please read carefully*

The aim of these Creative Scotland-supported bursaries is to help artists affected by the COVID-19 pandemic explore ways of working that will help them to adapt and respond to the current changing circumstances, through attending the Artists Into Immersive programme.

We also aim to increase diversity and equality within Scotland's screen sector by helping those from underrepresented groups and those who, without financial support, would find it difficult to access this training and therefore employment and future funded creative practice opportunities.

The programme offers eight subsidised places and two fully supported bursary places. Please specify on your application which you are applying for.

To apply, you must be:

- An artist/creative practitioner working primarily in an art form other than film, TV and/or games (e.g. visual art, theatre, textiles, music, dance)
- You must be resident in Scotland for three years or more. The requirement for evidence of residency may be waived for certain groups (e.g. travelling community) at our discretion.

Support is means-tested and you will only be considered eligible if your income is at or below the stated income threshold.

Bursaries will not be provided for students currently in government supported full-time education

Our criteria for providing support is based on income, and diversity and inclusion:

INCOME CRITERIA

To be eligible for a bursary on this programme, you must be able to evidence that you earn **£18,000** per year or less as an individual.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CRITERIA

We are very keen to encourage participants from a broad range of backgrounds and those who may have experienced barriers to entering and progressing in the screen sector and immersive media, so we particularly welcome applications from people who consider any of the following to be a barrier for them:

- having a disability or long term health condition
A disability is defined in the Equality Act 2010 as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term impact a person's ability to carry out day-to-day activities. This includes progressive and long-term conditions from the point of diagnosis.
- being ethnically diverse
- living in a geographical area of Scotland where distance and availability of transport limits access to professional training
- being a carer
- being female (or identifying as female)

Bursaries will be allocated based on our assessment of the application, including financial and diversity criteria, supporting evidence and a personal statement. We are looking for applicants who will further the School's and sector's aim of increasing equality and

diversity in the screen industries.

Bursaries are provided at the discretion of NFTS Scotland and The Glasgow School of Art. They are paid to enable you to attend training with us. Bursaries are not loans. You don't have to pay them back.

You will be asked to provide a personal statement, telling us why you are applying for financial support for this training and including:

- The reasons for your desire to take part in this course
- The barriers you face in establishing or progressing your practice in screen/immersive
- How you plan to use the experience gained from your participation in this course in your future work/practice
- Any previous experience in this area
- Whether you have already undertaken training in this area, and if so what and when
- How you will fund any balance required, including self-funding

EVIDENCE OF ELIGIBILITY

In order to assess eligibility for a bursary, we require you to provide certain personal information. The information you provide is confidential and will be reviewed only by NFTS Scotland. It will be used only for assessing your eligibility for a bursary and, if successful, processing your bursary.

Course fee bursaries

We require you to submit the following documents (where applicable) along with your completed bursary application form.

Evidence of your residence in Scotland (please supply one)

A utility bill (e.g. gas, electric, council tax)

*A letter from your local authority addressed to you
A bank statement addressed to you*

The requirement for evidence of residency may be waived for certain groups (e.g. travelling community) at the NFTS Scotland's discretion.

Evidence of your income (please supply one)

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Full TCAN Notice

Self-employed earnings (official tax return)

Other benefits or pension award letter

and the last three months of wage slips for your household

If you are unemployed, and do not have wage slips, please provide:

*Evidence of household members' entitlement to Income support/Universal Credit **OR***

The last three months' bank statements for your household

Disability

If you are applying for a bursary on the basis of disability or long-term health condition, please submit evidence of receipt of Personal Independence Payments/Disability Living Allowance, or a recent letter (within the previous six months) or documentation from a medical professional, e.g. your GP or consultant outlining the nature of the details of your disability or medical condition.