



FUNDING SOURCES FOR MAKERS

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I've done some of the research so you don't have to!

Although there isn't as much craft-specific funding out there, compared with visual arts, the funding landscape for makers is still quite positive.

Don't forget, craft makers are eligible for Arts Council England funding, so do always check there first to see if your new project could be supported by their new Developing Your Creative Practice fund.

*Please be aware that this list is not comprehensive – there may be other opportunities & funding streams out there that suit your practice. Also, the dates for deadlines are guides based on previous year's dates – check the websites for current deadlines.

I hope you find this a useful starting point.

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Developing your Creative Practice – Arts Council England

- This new strand of funding is for Research & Development, creating networks and creating new work (it does not have to have a public-facing element)
- Individual artists/creative practitioners
- £2k – £10k
- applications 4 times a year (next deadline May 2018)

Cockpit Arts Awards & Bursaries

- A range of awards sponsored by organisations such as The Arts Society, The Radcliffe Trust and Worshipful Company of Turners
- Deadlines throughout the year (check website)

Craft Pottery Charitable Trust

- Award for up to £1000 for ceramicists
- To fund: book preparation, travel, film, conference attendance or organisation, or other projects
- Deadline 15 December every year

David Canter Memorial Fund (nb biennial)

- Award of between £500- £1000 to support a part-time or full-time craft maker
- To fund: a special project eg equipment, research, travel
- Nb each year has a particular material focus
- Deadline in September 2018

QEST Scholarships

- Funding available for between £1000-£18k
- Proposals accepted for training which will ‘contribute to the excellence of contemporary and traditional British crafts’
- Applicants must demonstrate a high level of skill and that they are firmly committed to their craft or trade
- Applications open December
- Deadline in February

The Prince’s Trust

- ‘Enterprise’ programme: for young people with business ideas
- to be eligible you must be 18-30 years old, unemployed (or working fewer than 16 hours per week)
- If successful (after free introductory sessions and workshops) applicants will receive training and mentoring support, business and finance advice to set up your business
- Once established businesses get 2 years continued support
- Apply any time – visit website for details



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Rosy James Memorial Trust Award

- Up to £15k for a new body of work to be made by a maker
- Must be based in Northern Ireland
- Deadline in August?

Heritage Crafts Awards

- “celebrate and highlight traditional living crafts made in UK that contribute to our national heritage
- variety of awards
- Applications open September
- Deadline in November

Winston Churchill Memorial Fund

- Churchill Fellowships offer bursaries for Artists & Makers to travel to conduct research with the expectation that when you return to the UK you spread your findings and influence change.
- Deadline in September

Oppenheim-John Downes Memorial Trust

- provides small scale grants to British artists, designers, writers and performers over the age of 30 who are experiencing financial difficulties in the pursuit of their careers.
- Awards under £1000
- Can apply to pay for fees, materials, travel, education costs, practice development
- Apply any time

Eaton Fund

- UK based artists (painters, potters, sculptors, photographers, print-makers & installation artists)
- Can apply for materials, equipment for one particular project only (not ongoing work)
- Can only apply to the Trust once
- They require detailed financial information from you (income, savings etc)
- Apply any time

The Worshipful Companies

Don't forget to look at individual Charitable giving/Awards given by the many and varied Worshipful Companies in London. Many (eg Glaziers, Leathersellers, Carpenters, Woolmen, Basketmakers, Turners and Felt-makers) have specific funding opportunities, awards or bursaries for students and practising craftspeople.