



Capital Arts Patrons' Organisation

CAPO has been supporting Canberra and ACT region artists since 1983. Here is a list of the awards and grants on offer from CAPO on an annual basis. You can apply for these awards using the Application Form on the 'Apply' page of our website.

Please note: it is the policy of CAPO to award grants to individuals and cultural organisations for specific projects – not to contribute to general operating costs or to fund projected deficits in budgets.

The CAPO Fellowship

The CAPO Fellowship is CAPO's most prestigious award. This award is open to applications from established artists working in any discipline or art form – residents of Canberra and the region only. The CAPO Fellow is expected to act as an ambassador for CAPO, and to ensure that the CAPO name is given positive exposure during the term of the Fellowship.

Applicants for the CAPO Fellowship should be of high standing in their chosen field. This should be demonstrated by evidence of commitment to their practice over a significant period of time. The purpose of the CAPO Fellowship is to enable an artist to concentrate on his/her work for a set period of time (up to one year). Normally this assistance will be aimed at enabling an artist to complete a body of work, develop a new technique, or simply improve the standard of their work by concentrating on it more fully for a period. No specific sum of money is set aside for the CAPO Fellowship. As with all types of CAPO assistance, it is subject to the availability of funds.

The CAPO Fellowship is generously co-sponsored by The Riverview Group.

Rosalie Gascoigne Memorial Award

In the spirit of the great Australian artist, Canberra resident and CAPO supporter Rosalie Gascoigne (1917-1999) this award supports the creation of new work by artists in any field. This award may be chosen from applications for the CAPO Fellowship and is open to applications from practising artists resident in Canberra and the region only.

The Rosalie Gascoigne Memorial Award is generously supported by The Tall Foundation.

Robert Foster Memorial Award

CAPO has established the Robert Foster Memorial Award to commemorate the outstanding contribution Robert Foster has made to the local, national and international arts community for the past 30 years.

Robert received CAPO funding way back in 1991, and again in 1998 which helped set up the F!NK business. For many years F!NK has been a regular and generous donor to CAPO's events.

This award - originally funded by both CAPO and donations received - will go to a practitioner from the Canberra region working in the fields of visual art and design.

The Robert Foster Memorial Award is generously supported by TSA.

Mandy Martin Art and Environment Award

Mandy Martin was a pre-eminent Australian artist who called Canberra - and later, Central West NSW - home. She was a lecturer at the Canberra School of Art from 1978 to 2003. Hers was an international and national reputation, seeking as she did to explore landscape and the environment through the lens of its degradation and destruction through industrial imposition, about which she had felt so very strongly. Her body of work encompassed printmaking, painting and large scale collaborative installation works, and is held in the collections of every major public gallery in Australia; the Guggenheim Museum in New York; the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art; and in many private collections.

The family of Mandy Martin is excited to announce the disbursement of a new national annual award of \$7,500, to be awarded to an arts practitioner for their creative response to climate change and the environment.

Tall Foundation Award

This award is an open grant of \$3000 for new and emerging artists to help research techniques/themes for a body of work. This is designed for a post-graduate honours student who does not intend to do any further post-graduate study and wants to kick-start their career.

Shaw & Partners Award

\$2000 is offered as a general grant.

MPS Travel and Tours Performers Award

2 x \$1000 awards are offered for artists working in performance disciplines.

Capital Chemist Award

A general grant of \$1500 for a mid-career artist in any field.

Belco Arts Inclusion Award

Disabled or d/Deaf artists will be celebrated through this award to be presented at CAPO's annual fundraising Auction and Awards event. This award category, delivered by Belco Arts, will give \$2000 in prize money and an exhibition/artist-in-residency opportunity at Belconnen Arts Centre.

"Disability is experienced by nearly one in five members of our community. This award aims to position and profile d/Deaf artists and artists with disability in the mainstream. We are committed to removing barriers and supporting artists to express themselves and develop their professional practice" says Monika McInerney Artistic Director & Co-CEO Belconnen Arts Centre.

The Belco Arts Inclusion Award contributes \$2000 towards the creation of new work and an opportunity to a Canberra based Disabled or d/Deaf artist to explore their ideas which may lead to a public outcome. The public outcome may vary, it could be an exhibition, an artist in residency where artists continue to work on their practice, presentation of workshops or other activations of the space. The award aims to provide space and support for artists to explore their ideas and further extend their practice.

The award is only open to Canberra artists practising in the arts who identify as living with physical, sensory, d/Deaf, intellectual disability or as having experienced mental health issues.

Artists are encouraged to contact Belco Arts' IGNITE Programs Officer, Heidi Lefebvre (heidi@belcoarts.com.au) or phone 0428 250 524 to make an appointment to discuss your application. Heidi is not part of the selection process and is available to provide artists with support required to complete your submission.

Workplace Research Associates Award

\$1500 is offered as a general grant.

The Urban Pantry Manuka Award

\$1000 is offered as a general grant.

Canberra Weekly Award

\$1000 is offered as a general grant.

Creations of Manuka Award

\$2000 is offered for a mid-career artist.

Cook Creative Writing Prize

\$500 is offered as a prize for creative writers.

The All Insure Emerging Artist Award

3 x \$500 grants that will be awarded to emerging artists.

Craft ACT Emerging Artist Award

A grant of \$500 that will be awarded to an emerging artist.

Craft ACT Outstanding Practice Award

\$2000 is offered as a general grant.

Home By Holly Award

\$2000 is offered as a general grant.

Boris Property Emerging Artist Award

A grant of \$500 that will be awarded to an emerging artist.