



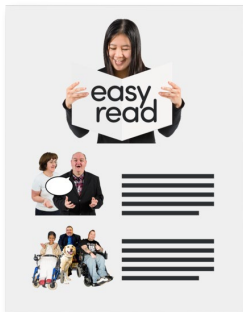
The Sky Foundation's Julia Rausing Sky Arts Bursaries

Information if you want to apply

2027 Dance Bursary



Easy read booklet



This is an Easy Read version of some information. It has words and pictures.



You might want help to read this booklet. You can ask someone to help you.

words

In this booklet, some words are **black and bold**. These words might be hard to understand.



We explain what **black and bold** words mean in a box like this.



In this booklet, some words are **blue and bold**. These words are links to websites or email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

Who we are and what this booklet is about



We are a charity called the **Sky Foundation**.



We do work to support the **Arts** so that more people know about them and can take part in them.



The **Arts** are things like music, dance and theatre.



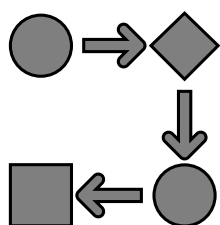
One way we help is to give **bursaries**.



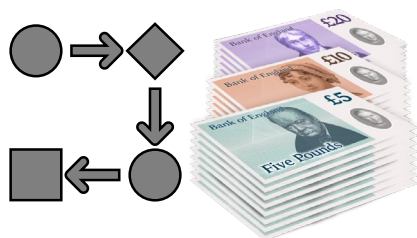
Bursaries are money and support given to people to make certain things happen. Bursaries do not have to be paid back.



This booklet is about our new bursary **programme** called the **Julia Rausing Sky Arts Bursaries**.



For this booklet, our **programme** is everything that will happen for our bursaries.



Our bursary programme is run by **Sky Arts**, which is part of **Sky**. The money comes from a charity called the **Julia Rausing Trust**.



When you get money from a bursary, it is called **funding**. Each time you get funding from a bursary, it is called a **grant**.

About the Julia Rausing Sky Arts Bursaries



The **Julia Rausing Sky Arts Bursaries** will support 20 artists from the UK to make a new project.

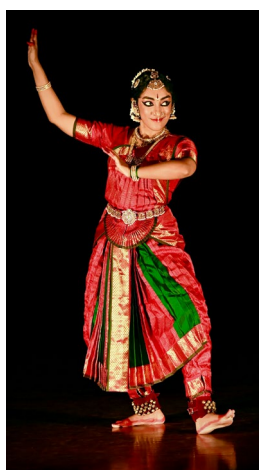


The bursaries will help artists

- **develop** their ideas
- make new work
- show their work to more people.



Develop means work on something to make it better.



We want the bursaries to support interesting artists to make exciting and **original** work.

Original means not like anything that has been done before.

About our bursary programme



Our bursary programme will happen for the first time in 2027. It will be about dance.



This means we are looking for artists who make dance as their main art.



This includes dancers, **choreographers** and artists who use movement in their work.



Choreographers are people who create dance or movement for people to do.



We are looking for dance artists who have **creativity**, **ambition** and **vision**.



Creativity means using your imagination to have new ideas or make new things.



Ambition means working hard to meet your goals in life.



Vision means having a clear idea about what you want and how you will make it happen.



If you are a dance artist and you think the **Julia Rausing Sky Arts Bursaries** could be right for you, we want you to **apply**.



Apply means fill out a form to officially ask for something.

When you apply for something, it is called an **application**.



Important dates

Applications open at 9am on Wednesday 5 August 2026.

Applications close at 9am on Wednesday 9 September 2026.



The bursary year goes from 25 January 2027 to 24 January 2028. You will work on your project during this time.



We tell you more about how to apply later in this booklet.

What you will get



£30,000 grant for you

You will get £30,000 to help with daily living costs, like rent, food and travel.



This money is to support your life so you can take part in our bursary programme for the whole year.



£40,000 grant for your project

You will get £40,000 to make your project.



This money is for project costs, like paying for artists, **collaborators** or spaces you need to use.



Collaborators are people you work with to make a certain thing happen, like a project.

Mentoring and support



Mentoring is advice and support from someone who has skills that could be useful to you.



You will get mentoring and creative support to help you develop as an artist.



Workshops and masterclasses

A **masterclass** is a class taught by an expert.



You can do workshops and masterclasses to help make your skills better.



Chances to connect

Connect means bring people together.



You will get chances to connect with

- Arts organisations
- collaborators
- people and organisations who give funding to the Arts
- other artists who are part of our bursary programme.



Raising your profile

Your **profile** is how you are seen as an artist.

Raising your profile means doing work so that more people know who you are and see your work.





You will get chances to raise your profile, including the chance to

- share your work at a **showcase** in front of important people from the Arts
- be filmed by **Sky Arts**
- get a **digital record** of your project that you can use to help get funding in the future.

A **showcase** is an event that shows the best parts of something.

A **record** is something written down or saved so it can be remembered.

A **digital record** is a record you can look at on a screen.

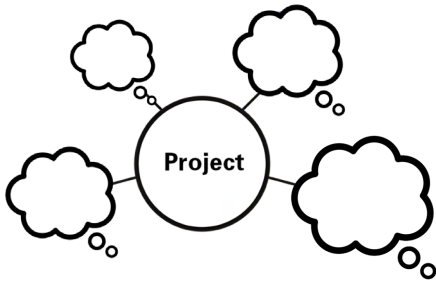
Future funding

You will get the chance to apply for more funding from us to carry on your work.

About your dance project



When you apply, you will need to tell us about the project you want to do.



Your project does not need to be perfect and ready. We are looking for **potential**.



Potential means what something could become in the future.



When you apply, you might want to tell us about ideas or a story you would like to develop.



Your project can be any **format**, like live performance, film, online or a mix of formats.



Format means the way something is made or shown.



Your project must be mainly about dance but can include other types of art as well.



Your project must be your own original idea. It cannot be someone else's idea or a shared idea.

Brand New



Your project must be new. It cannot be a project that has already happened.

Who can apply



If you make dance as your main art, you can apply.



You can do any style of dance or movement, including

- African
- Ballet
- Ballroom and Latin
- Circus
- Commercial
- Contemporary
- Folk
- Hip Hop
- Jazz
- Musical Theatre
- Physical Theatre
- South Asian
- Street Dance.



Who is eligible to apply



Eligible means meet the rules for something.



You must be over 18 years old on 25 January 2027.



You must be a UK **citizen**, or you must have lived in the UK since 1 January 2022.



A **citizen** is a person officially allowed to live in a country.



You must not already have a high profile as an artist. This means you must not already make funded work that gets shown to lots of people.



You must be working as a **professional dance artist** now or you must have worked as one not long ago.



A **professional dance artist** is someone who

- has been paid for some dance work they have done in the time since 1 January 2022
- is a dance artist as their **profession**.

A **profession** is something you choose to do and work hard at in life. You might take exams to show you are good at it. Your profession might not be the main way you make money.



You must be able to take part in the whole bursary programme.



If your application is shortlisted

Shortlisted means you are in the final group of people who might be chosen for something.



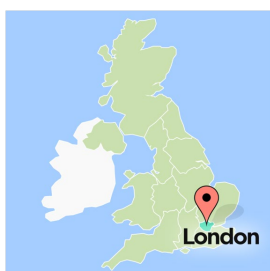
You must

- be able to have an online meeting with **Sky Arts** between 9 and 20 November 2026
- be able to make a short video about your project and send it to us before 7 December 2026.



If your application is successful

For this booklet, **successful** means you are chosen to get a bursary.



You must

- be planning to live in the UK for the bursary year
- not be planning to have a full-time job or be in full-time education for the bursary year
- be able to take part in the showcase in London in January 2028.

What we are looking for



We are looking for artists who

- ✓ have potential
- ✓ have been paid to do dance work that people have seen
- ✓ will be affected in a good way if they get a bursary
- ✓ have a strong vision
- ✓ want to do something original
- ✓ are ambitious and hard-working.

We cannot support artists who

- ✗ have not done much paid dance work
- ✗ already have a high profile
- ✗ already get a lot of support
- ✗ already get other funding
- ✗ cannot take part in the whole bursary programme
- ✗ want to do a project that has already happened
- ✗ want to apply as part of an organisation or group.

What we will expect

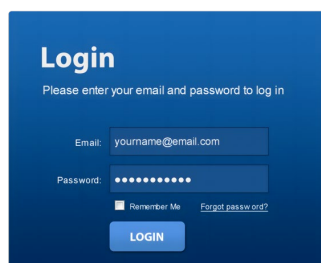


We will expect you to

- take part in the bursary programme for the whole bursary year
- develop and finish your project in the bursary year
- share your project at the showcase
- accept the mentoring and support we offer you
- do activities with other artists on the bursary programme
- keep a record of what happens in your bursary year
- be an **ambassador** for the bursary programme.

For this booklet, being an **ambassador** means presenting our bursaries in a good way to other people.

How to apply



If you want to apply, you need to set up an account on our website.



You can find out more about how to do this on the **Guidance** page of our website.

Click this link to go to the Guidance page.

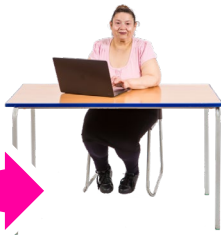


When you have set up an account, you can fill out the Application Form.



We have an Easy Read version of the Application Form.

Save



You do not have to fill out the Application Form all at once. You can fill out some parts, save it, and then fill out other parts later on.



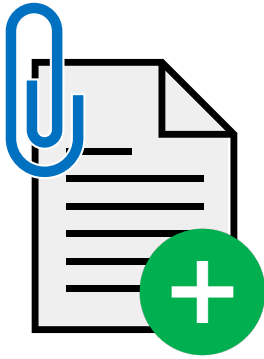
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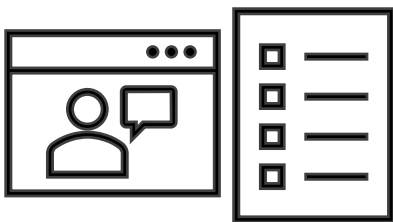
As part of the Application Form, we will ask you to tell us

- your contact details
- what you have done as a dance artist
- about the project you want to do
- why this bursary would be good for you and your work.





We will also ask you to send some extra information to support your application.



You can send this information as videos or documents.



If a question in the Application Form shows a red symbol that looks like this  , it means you must answer this question.



After you send your Application Form, we will tell you we got it.

How we will assess your application



Assess means check something and make a decision about it.



When we assess your application, we will think about

- your skills and potential
- how original your ideas are
- how ambitious your ideas are
- how much our bursary programme will help you develop as a dance artist
- how likely it is your project can be made in 1 year
- how well our bursary programme fits your needs.



We will also think about the group of artists we choose and try to include

- different types of people, like people who are different ages or from different backgrounds
- people from different places in the UK
- different dance and movement styles
- projects about different subjects
- projects in different formats.

What happens after you apply



In the middle of October 2026, we will tell you if your application has been **longlisted**.



Longlisted means you have passed the first steps for something.



At the start of November 2026, we will tell you if your application has been shortlisted.



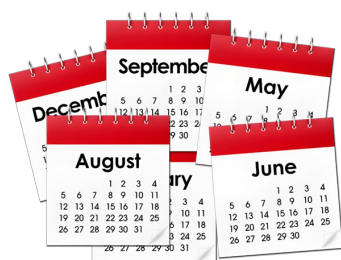
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You will need to make a short video about your project and send it to us before 7 December 2026.



In the middle of December 2026, we will tell you if your application has been successful.



If any of these dates change, we will tell you.

If your application is successful



If your application is successful, we will send you an offer that tells you information about your bursary.



We will ask you to join a meeting called an **onboarding session**.

At the onboarding session, we will

- talk to you about your project
- agree a plan for the bursary year
- make sure you have what you need to use your bursary in the best way.



In January 2027, you will start to make your project.

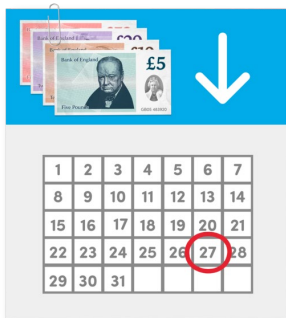


If your application is not successful, we will tell you.

About payments



The **£30,000 grant for you** will be paid in **instalments** across the year.



Instalments are when a large amount of money is split into smaller amounts that are paid at a fixed time, like every month.



The **£40,000 grant for your project** will be paid at different dates when your project needs the money.



We will work with you to decide what these dates will be.

About the showcase



At the end of the bursary year, there will be a showcase for important people from the Arts.



This is a chance for you to show your work to people who might be able to support you in the future.



At the showcase, you can share a part of your project, like part of a live performance or a short film.



We will help you decide the best way to share your project at the showcase.

Accessibility



We want the **Julia Rausing Sky Arts Bursaries** to be **accessible**.



Accessible means able to be used and understood by everyone.



If you cannot complete the Application Form online, we can help pay for support for you to apply.



To find out more,

- send an email to this address jrsab@thespace.org
- or use the **Contact Form** on our website. [Click this link to go to the Contact Form.](#)



If you have **access needs**, we will try to get the support you need.



Access needs are extra support you might need to do certain things in life.



If you are shortlisted, we will contact you to check your access needs.



If you are successful, we will work with you to make sure your access needs are met.

Contact us



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