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Alternative and accessible formats

Applications for funding are made online, but we remain committed to being accessible and to offering application processes that are open to everyone. So if you're unable to use our online process, please get in touch. We'll work with you to find other ways for you to apply that are more suited to your specific needs.

So as you work through these Help Notes please remember that whenever we talk about our online system it'll be possible for you to provide that information in another way.

We can also make arrangements to support applicants whose first language is not English or Welsh.

The Brian Ross Memorial Award

1. What is the aim of this Award?

Brian Ross left his estate to the Arts Council of Wales stating that his legacy should be used to encourage and support up and coming artists to develop their work and to further their careers. Since 2011 this legacy has been used to support graduating Welsh or Wales based visual artists in the early stages of their professional artistic career. We are delighted to offer the award to two graduating Fine Art degree students on an annual basis, each receiving £3,000 for one year.

The definition of contemporary visual arts practice in its broadest sense spans both traditional and contemporary mediums. These include; photography, sculpture, installation, film, printmaking, painting, drawing and performance art.

Universities in Wales have the opportunity to nominate two graduating degree students in the Summer of 2017 whom they feel would benefit the most from this unique opportunity to help establish them in their first year as a creative professional. We would expect the nominated student to have shown outstanding dedication and creative talent during their studies.

2. What will the Award pay for?

The award money is intended to enable the graduate to continue and develop their practice, for example; studio rent, travel, mentoring or equipment.

3. Who is eligible to submit a nomination?

Universities in Wales that provide BA courses, which fall under the category of Fine Art. Each University can only nominate **two** students across all Fine Art courses for consideration for the award. Please note: It is the responsibility of the nominating University to write and submit the application on behalf of the nominated student.

4. What are the eligibility criteria?

The nominated students must:

- Be Welsh or Wales based
- Be graduating this academic year (2016/17) from a Fine Art (BA) course provided by a University or College in Wales
- Demonstrate their commitment to continuing their practice in Wales.

5. What are the assessment criteria?

The assessment criteria are:

- Evidence that the student shows outstanding creative talent in their related field of arts practice
- How the student has shown dedication towards their related field of arts practice during their degree course
- How the student has demonstrated their commitment to continuing their practice in Wales.

6. How will decisions be made?

The decision will be made by early December 2017, by a selection panel consisting of the Arts Council of Wales' Portfolio Manager for Visual and Applied Arts, a Development Officer and a National Adviser with expertise in Visual Arts.

The nominator and successful graduate will then be notified. The award will be presented to the successful nominated graduate at the **Creative Wales Conversations** event – further details on this will be available in the autumn.

Unsuccessful nominations will be given feedback from the decision making process.

7. Nomination material

In addition to the nomination form, you will be required to provide evidence of the graduating student's work which includes the following:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Artist Statement
- 6 - 8 images of recent work. If film and performance related, evidence should be no more than 5 minutes in duration

8. Recipient responsibilities following the award

Twelve months after receipt of the award, the recipient will be expected to produce a short evaluation report of their development throughout the year and explain how they spent the award money.

9. How to apply – and when is the deadline?

Visit www.arts.wales/apply and at *Brian Ross Memorial Awards* click the *Start an application* button.

If this is your first online application you'll need to create an account. Click on the **Cyfrif Newydd / New Account** link to register your email address and password. These will be your login details. Once you've registered you'll be taken to your application form.

The application deadline will be at 5.00pm on Wednesday 6th September 2017.

10. Where should I go for advice?

Our Information Officers can help you with your nomination.

You can contact us:

- by phone from 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday on 0845 873 4900
- by email to information@arts.wales.

We welcome correspondences in Welsh and English, corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay.