

## INDIVIDUAL ARTIST BURSARY PROGRAMME 2025

### INFORMATION SHEET

This programme is designed to further the development of professional practitioners in all art forms, for any purpose that will demonstratively contribute to the artist's development.

Among such purposes, the scheme may be used to offset the expenses of the following –

- Participation in ad-hoc education such as mentoring, research, short-term courses or residencies.
- Residency at Tyrone Guthrie Centre.
- Residency at Motion Chapel (Granlahan, Co Roscommon) for ground based circus arts.  
<https://motionchapel.com/>
- Development of new work for exhibition, publication, presentation or performance.
- Investment in equipment or resources to develop work.
- Participation in conventional part-time or full-time education where other sources of public funding are unavailable.


Bursary awards depend on available resources, number of applicants and the quality of applications. Please note the average bursary awarded in 2024 was €700 with awards varying from €250 to €1200.

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#### APPLICANT CRITERIA

Applications are invited from practising artists working in all genres. To be eligible to apply, applicants must fulfil the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be a professional practising artist; you must identify yourself, and be recognised by your peers, as a professional practising artist.
2. Applicants must have been born or currently live in County Roscommon.
3. Assistance will be given only in respect of an activity that would, in the opinion of the Council, contribute to the artist's development and provide for their knowledge and practice of the arts; and in so doing, improve the standard and development of the arts in County Roscommon.
4. The activity for which the artist wishes to apply must commence between 1st March 2025 and 31st December 2025.
5. Full information including costings must be provided for the activity for which the artist wishes to apply.
6. If the application is for a specific course/residency, proof must be submitted that you have been accepted for this course/residency and payment is required.
7. Retrospective applications will not be considered.
8. The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 5pm 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Late applications will not be considered.

Applications can only be made via My Online Services  on the Roscommon County Council Website or click <https://roscommon-self.achieveservice.com/> to register as a user. Here you will find the online application form and the facility to upload supporting documentation.

**Applications to Include:**

- Completed online Application Form - available only via Roscommon County Council's **My Online Services**.
- Artists Curriculum Vitae.
- Copies of any material relevant to the application (quotations, letters of invitation, course content etc.)
- Links to examples of work/photographic Images – please note all multimedia work should be PC accessible. It is not possible to provide links to dropbox or other file sharing software.

**Please note that if you do not provide links to supporting documentation or upload suitable samples of your work, your application will be disqualified.  
Decisions are made by an external panel and the panel's decision is final.**

**Applications are assessed using the following criteria –**

- Track record of the professional artist (or potential for an emerging artist).
- Proven commitment to high quality arts practice.
- Likely benefit of bursary on artist's practice.
- Likely benefit of bursary on the arts in Roscommon.
- In the case of courses, residencies, mentoring etc. – the quality and excellence of those activities or mentors.

**Complete online application here:**

<https://roscommon-self.achieveservice.com/>

For queries, please email: [bursaries@roscommoncoco.ie](mailto:bursaries@roscommoncoco.ie)

Or Contact

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**Please note that this is a competitive bursary and applying does not guarantee funding.**