



TYRONE GUTHRIE CENTRE REGIONAL BURSARY 2026 GUIDELINES



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Introduction

Application Deadline: Monday, 13th April 2026 at 4.00pm

Over 27 local authorities across the Island of Ireland offer bursaries which enable artists to spend two weeks at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre. Each bursary covers all board and lodging expenses, plus the use of a studio if required. The Galway City Council Arts Office is delighted to offer this opportunity to artists living in Galway City. Further details about The Tyrone Guthrie Centre can be found at www.tyroneguthrie.ie

What are the aims and objectives of the bursary?

- (i) To support a diverse range of artists in accessing quality time and space to invest in their personal, professional and art practices.
- (ii) To support artists in sharing their work with the communities from which they come, through exhibitions, performances, readings, and other public outcomes.
- (iii) Strengthen the Tyrone Guthrie Centre's partnerships with local authorities and act as a major cross-border collaboration between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Who is eligible for the Bursary?

- (i) Individual Creative Practitioners working in the following disciplines:

Architecture	Sound Art
Community Arts	Theatre
Circus	Traditional Arts
Digital arts	Multi-disciplinary
Dance	Music
Festival	Opera
Film & Video	Visual Art
Literature	

- (i) This bursary is only open to those living in Galway City Council's administrative area. If you live in Galway County the Galway County Council Arts Office hosts similar schemes for which you may apply.

Criteria

A	Artistic Quality and Ambition <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The quality of your work and work methodology- Evidence you are working towards an exhibition, publication or performances for which a stay at the Centre would represent a core support	25%
B	Quality of Work Examples and Arts Background <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Consideration of your background and a proven track record in the arts- Evidence of significant achievement in your chosen field or a high degree of potential	25%
C	Potential Impact on Individual's Artistic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Whether this work will have a constructive and positive effect on your artistic practice/career	25%
D	Feasibility <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clarity of your proposal and what you want to achieve as a result of your time in the Tyrone Guthrie Centre- Your capacity to complete and see this work through to successful fruition	25%

Assessment

All applications are assessed by a panel. The Arts Office team will not be available for meetings with applicants while the bursary process is live. Canvassing may disqualify applications.

Each application must be accompanied by:

- Proof of Address
- C.V. – no more than 2 pages
- A sample of your work which may include - images, text, compositions, audio and/or video.

Submitting Your Application

A formal acknowledgment of your application will be issued within two weeks of submission. If you do not receive this communication within that time, it is your responsibility to contact the

Arts Office in this regard. You must ensure that all requested documentation is attached to your application form online. Your application will be invalid if you do not:

- Submit a fully completed online application form
- Submit all requested documentation with your application form (additional documentation cannot be accepted after the closing date of Monday 13th April, 2026 at 4.00pm.

Note –

Canvassing will disqualify the applicant. Each application is assessed solely on the content of application received.

Conditions for Successful Applicants

- The residency must take place from 1st October 2026 - 15th October 2026
- Galway City Council must be acknowledged on all publicity, press and marketing material produced in connection with the residency and any artistic outcomes in line with our Acknowledgement Guidelines.
- If the project is altered, postponed or cancelled – in whole or in part – the Arts Office must be contacted to discuss the matter.
- A written account of the residency experience, including its impact on the artist's practice, must be submitted to the Arts Office within 2 weeks of residency completion.

Freedom of Information

You are welcome to ask for feedback as to why your application was not successful. Availing of this is highly recommended as it may help you develop applications for further bursaries. Details of successful applicants will be published on our website and social media channels.

Galway City Council undertakes to hold confidential information provided by applicants subject to its obligations under law, including the Freedom of Information Act 2014. Applicants are requested to consider if any of the information supplied should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity. If this is the case, candidates should, when providing the information, identify the same and specify the reasons for its sensitivity. If such information is not identified as sensitive and Galway City Council upon consideration does not deem it sensitive, then such information is liable to be released in response to a Freedom of Information request without further

consultation with the applicants. Galway City Council will consult with any candidates about sensitive information before making a decision on any Freedom of Information Act request received.

Data Protection

All personal information received will be held in line with our Data Protection Policy. Available, [here](#).

Enquiries

Email the Arts Office team with any questions at arts@galwaycity.ie with subject line “Tyrone Guthrie Enquiry 2026”