



We are excited to announce SAMPAD's Digital Arts Bursary, an opportunity for a South Asian artist from any artistic field who is interested in exploring and using creative digital technology* in producing new artistic work. This bursary aims to support artists to foster innovation in South Asian arts.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to artists of South Asian heritage who have at least 3 years experience as professional artist
- Applicants must be based in England
- Applicants must have the right to work in England
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older
- Artists must demonstrate a strong interest in the use of digital creative technology in producing artistic work

Bursary Details:

- The selected artist will receive £1500.
- The funds can be used to support the artist's creative projects, including but not limited to equipment, software, research, production, and exhibition costs.
- The bursary is a one-time award and should be used within one year of award date.

*We are interested in the use of creative digital technology in the creation of artistic work to be presented to audiences; for the purpose of this bursary this does not include screen dance or sharing via digital platforms eg live streaming work, podcasts etc.

Application Process:

Interested applicants should submit:

1. A short biography or CV maximum 2 pages. (This can be submitted as a 2 minute audio or video clip) which includes a brief artist statement highlighting your creative vision and goals.
2. An outline proposal on no more than 2 sides of A4 or 3 minute video (format) answering the questions:
 - *The Idea: what you would like to do with the bursary & why your proposed bursary activity is crucial to your professional development at this time? How will the activity benefit you in the short and long term?*
 - *The Possible Outcome: what you would hope it will enable you to achieve at the end of the process and how you might share this with a potential audience of artists or public.*
 - *The Timeframe: timeline for your work*
3. A budget outline detailing how the bursary funds would be utilised.
4. A sample of your previous or current work - no more than 3 images/videos of short clips (please direct us to a maximum of 3 minutes of film in total) as an example of your creative practice
5. A referee that knows your work with contact details that ideally include email and telephone number
6. A completed Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form*

*This will be separated from the application and does not form part of the shortlisting process. Information obtained from the form will not be available for the persons preparing the shortlist with the exception of obtaining information about disability required to make reasonable adjustments if required for interview. Data obtained from the forms will be used solely for monitoring purposes and no one individual will be identified.

Please submit applications to info@sampad.org.uk and mark SAMPAD DIGITAL BURSARY by July 28th 2023. Alternatively, submissions may be sent by post marked Private and Confidential to: Sabra Khan, Sampad, c/o Midlands Arts Centre, Queens Ride, Edgbaston, Birmingham B12 9QH. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission.

Important Dates:

Deadline for submissions: 28th July 2023

Interviews dates: 3rd August 2023

We aim to let applicants know by August 10th 2023 of our final decision

If you have any questions regarding the bursary or the application process, please contact Sabra Khan, Executive Director via email sabra@sampad.org.uk

We look forward to receiving your applications!

ABOUT SAMPAD

Our mission is to connect people and communities with South Asian and British Asian arts and heritage. Sampad believes in the power of arts and heritage to impact widely on all communities – breaking down barriers, raising important issues, amplifying unheard voices and bringing people from all walks of life together.

SAMPAD South Asian Arts has been at the forefront of and continuously proactive in supporting and developing South Asian arts in the UK over the past 3 decades, delivering high quality and well informed development programmes that have raised the profile, quality and diversity of South Asian artists.

We continue to be committed to promoting and encouraging British Asian arts, so that they progress, break new ground and enrich mainstream culture in the UK. We support, commission and co-produce a huge variety of arts and heritage activities inspired by diverse art forms that originate from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. We regularly run artist development programmes and offer informal mentoring and support to a range of artists across the country.

We are now launching the first of 3 bursaries for Artists – this Sampad Digital Bursary is part of our commitment to supporting and developing artists of South Asian heritage to develop their skills and practice and to realise their ambitions. The Sampad Start Bursary and the Sampad Mid Career Bursary will both be launched in Autumn 2023.



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