

Jonathan Harvey Tenant Award 2026

Eligibility

Eligible applicants will have a career track record and have worked professionally for at least 30 years, since 1995 or before. They will have had their work exhibited, produced, recorded, performed, or broadcast in a professional context during this time. We do not measure the 'professionalism' of an artistic practice based on how much money the individual earns from their work. We know that many professional artists take on other occupations alongside their practice to earn their living or may have taken time out from their artistic practice for health, caring responsibilities or education. We also do not measure the quality of an artistic practice beyond the indicators that they are operating professionally. To be eligible, the artist must view their artistic practice as their primary purpose and professional identity, however much time they are able to spend on it.

The award is open to all current Acme artist tenants, registered sharers and sub-letters. Applicants must be a current Acme studio tenant, sub-letter or sharer as of 6 September 2025 to apply.

You will be eligible if you meet the following criteria if:

- you have a current and active professional arts practice of at least 30 years, since 1995 or before
- you are an Acme studio tenant, sub-letter or sharer as of 6 September 2025
- you are facing significant barriers to pursuing your career*
- your annual income was less than £27,007.50 in 2024/25 for a single person, or household income did not exceed £55,000 **

You are not eligible if:

- you are in full time education.

**Acme recognises that barriers to the ability to sustain a professional artistic practice differ from individual to individual. We take an intersectional approach to understanding representation and inclusion in the arts and we particularly encourage applications from artists facing financial precarity who also identify as: D/deaf/disabled or neurodiverse; artists from global majority and LGBTQI+ communities; and from working class backgrounds.*

***Based on the London Living Wage as an annual salary for a single person or double this amount for household income.*

Closing date for entries: 10am, 6 October 2025

Personal details

First names (required)

Last name (required)

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Telephone number (required)

Email address (required)

Names of other collaborators (if applicable)

We may email or call you if there is anything in your application that needs clarification.

Accessibility

I consider myself D/deaf/disabled or neurodiverse

Yes/no

Please give details:

Do you require any adjustments for a studio visit if you are shortlisted?

How would you like to apply?

Written application

Video/audio application

About your practice

Please describe your work; the media and processes you use, and the themes/research you explore.

(Up to 1000 characters including spaces) (required)

Please outline the project you want to undertake with the assistance of the award.

How would the award benefit your practice?

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper has a slight shadow on its right side, suggesting it's resting on a surface.

OR if you would prefer to submit a video or audio application, please record your application (5 minutes) and save it online as an unlisted recording on YouTube, Soundcloud, Google Drive, Dropbox or a similar location which is secure but can be easily accessed by the selection panel.

Link to video/audio application (if applicable)

Password (if applicable)

Please provide a budget for the project showing how the contribution of £7,000 (+ £5,000 bursary) will support this proposal. (required)

You do not need to fill in all sections of the budget, only areas of expenditure that are relevant to your project. See FAQs for advice and information on the budget.

Applicant's bursary (at least £5,000):

Assistants/other artists' fees:

Materials:

Mentors/advisors:

Studio rent:

Photography:

Printing:

Website/online promotion:

Access/caring costs:

Other expenditure (please describe in the box below):

Total expenditure (total of the costs above):

Other income (if applicable and if the expenditure adds up to more than £12,000):

Budget notes:

Including any details on how you have worked out the budget.

Supporting Documentation

A link to your artist website or other weblink (for example, gallery website)

Please attach a CV to demonstrate your art practice to date (PDF, doc, docx / max two A4 sides)

Upload up to 5 images of your recent work that indicate what you would like to do with the support of the award.

You can upload the images as individual jpegs alongside an image list or in a PDF (max 5MB). Include a total of 5 items. Links to videos must be on hosting sites such as Vimeo or YouTube. Please supply passwords if videos are private. Video must be max 5 minutes or, if longer, the panel will watch the first 5 minutes.

About your circumstances

Acme's remit is to support non-commercial fine artists in need. For the purposes of this award, we define this a single person who earns less than £27,007.50 each year, which is the London Living Wage as an annual salary, or a household income of less than £55,000.

Please check this box to confirm that your income was less than these amounts in the last financial year (1 March 2024 to 31 April 2025).

What was your total pre-tax income from your artistic practice:

£

Tick the sources of income from your artistic practice that apply:

- Sales
- Fees for projects and workshops
- Commissions

- Grants
- Bursaries
- Other

What was your total pre-tax income from sources other than your artistic practice.

£

Tick the other sources of income that apply:

- Salaried employment
- Freelance employment
- Benefits
- Pension
- Rental income
- Investment income
- Sale of assets
- Savings
- Partner's income / family support
- Other

Submit your application

I have read the application notes and confirm that I am eligible to apply. The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that my personal data will be held to process my application, inform me of opportunities, and potentially enter into a future contract. It will also be used for monitoring.

I wish to join Acme's mailing list and consent to receive Acme emails for opportunities, events, and news about Acme. I can unsubscribe at any time.

You can find more information about how Acme process your data on our website:
<https://acme.org.uk/about/privacy/>