

# Lord Mayor's Creative Fellowships 2026 recipients



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The following [Lord Mayor's Creative Fellowships](#) projects were approved in March 2026.

The Lord Mayor's Creative Fellowships support Brisbane artists, arts workers, cultural workers or creative producers to grow their creative careers with professional development opportunities.

Recipient	Project name	Description	Amount Approved
Adrian Malbasias	Professional and cross-cultural development in contemporary dance/performance with Rakarsa foundation.	Undertake a six-week professional development at Rakarsa Foundation Indonesia to deepen the artists understanding of Southeast Asian creative frameworks, expanding their choreographic and performative skills to inform workshops and a solo dance work in Brisbane.	\$7,213.80
Alexandra Philp	Writing Residency in UK and Mentorship	To undertake a mentorship with prominent Australian writer Josephine Rowe and a 3-week writing residency which will culminate in a developed second draft of a debut book manuscript.	\$10,224.50
Anitah Kumar	Creative Producing Mentorship & Professional Development	To undertake a creative producing mentorship at All Together Now festival, Ireland, and attend professional development workshops and events at Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Scotland, resulting in a knowledge-sharing workshop and showcase in Brisbane.	\$7,544.20
Ashley Hutton	Tribeca Jazz Institute Professional Development Workshop in NYC, USA	To undertake a 12-week jazz workshop at the Tribeca Jazz Institute, through the Church Street School for Music and Art, in New York City, USA resulting in expanding international networks and honing my skills under world leading educators.	\$9,432.50
Daniel James	To study authentic European violin restoration, retouching and varnishing techniques	Traditionally trained violin luthiers are in short supply in Brisbane and undergoing generational change. To support our large string community this fellowship will allow Daniel James to undertake advanced training from European experts in skills essential for the future.	\$3,450.00
Erin O'Rourke	Atlas Choreographic Training Programme	To undertake Atlas, a choreographic training program in the scope of ImPulsTanz (Vienna), that will result in artistic development and insightful skills.	\$11,000.00
Grace Malouf	Nostos Screenwriting Retreat for Second Feature Film Development	To travel to Tuscany for a two week screen writing intensive with renowned US screenwriter, Diane Drake, to refine the applicants second feature film alongside eight film writers from around the world.	\$10,206.57



Jessica Dorizac	Neo-Emerging Artist Residency (NEAR)	To undertake an artist residency to learn about installation practices of the Pahiyas Festival under the guidance of Artist and Director Leslie De Chavez at Project Space Pilipinas, Lucban, Quezon, Philippines.	\$9,334.60
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