



Accessible Arts & Bundanon Artist in Residence Guidelines 2026

Residency Guidelines

1. About the Residency

Accessible Arts, in partnership with Bundanon, delivers an annual residency program for artists with Disability or who are d/Deaf. The residencies play a vital role in supporting creative development and have become significant stepping stones in the careers of many Australian artists with Disability.

The 2026 Accessible Arts and Bundanon Artist in Residence program is open to musicians, writers and visual artists with Disability from NSW and the ACT. Up to five (5) artists will be funded to undertake a six (6) night residency at the renowned Bundanon estate from Monday 21 September to Sunday 27 September 2026.

Successful applicants will be accommodated in accessible self-catering cabins incorporating an artist's studio, or musician's cottage. They will also be given a bursary to cover per diems. For photos and detailed information about the residency spaces, visit the [Bundanon website](#).

2. Eligibility

Applications are open to:

- Emerging or mid-career musicians, writers and visual artists with Disability or who are d/Deaf.
- Applicants must be living and/or working in NSW or the ACT and identify as being a person with Disability or who is d/Deaf.



3. Selection Criteria

Application selection criteria:

- **Artistic Potential** – The strength of your work and the quality of your proposal.
- **Career Impact** – In what ways will this residency shape your development as an artist and move your project forward?

4. Access

The residency will take place within the Artists in Residence complex, which offers a range of accommodation options, including single and shared apartments, as well as self-contained cottages. Selected artists will be provided with a private bedroom, a dedicated studio space, and access to shared kitchen facilities.

Applicants are required to outline any access support they might have within their application. **For example:** Wheelchair accessible accommodation, extra accommodation for a support worker, etc.

Please note that there is no additional funding available to cover artists for access costs. Successful applicants will be encouraged to use NDIS funding towards access costs if they are a NDIS participant. If you require a support worker to accompany you during the residency, accommodation can be arranged.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your access requirements, please contact the Accessible Arts Team.

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We are open between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday (except public holidays).



5. How to Apply

Applications can be made online via this link:

[Online Application Form Bundanon 2026](#)

Please note that applications can be submitted in alternative formats that is accessible to you, including Auslan video. Please reach out to Accessible Arts before submitting the application in an alternative format to ensure your application is received.

6. Application Details

Applicants will need to provide the following information:

- Contact Information
- Applicants must identify as being d/Deaf or a person with Disability
- Outline of any access requirements
- Summary of your project
- Artistic outcomes you hope to achieve during your residency
- Professional development goals you will work toward during your residency
- Contribution to the formation of an artistic community at Bundanon
- Outline of any workspace requirements
- Artist's CV
- Supporting materials

Successful applicants will be required to enter into an agreement which will contain additional terms and conditions in accordance with existing policies of Accessible Arts. The successful applicant must provide Accessible Arts permission to promote and/or share the outcomes of the Bundanon Artist Residency.

7. When to apply

Applications will be open from **Monday 13 April 2026** and will close at **11:30pm on Sunday 7 June 2026**.



8. Application assessment

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of peers and Accessible Arts staff, which includes people with Disability. You will receive notification of the outcome within a couple of weeks after the application closing date. Please refer to the selection criteria to understand how your application will be assessed.

9. Bundanon Residency key dates

- Applications open: **Monday 13 April 2026**
- Bundanon Residency Online Info Session: **Tuesday 12 May 2026**
- Applications close: **11:30pm Sunday 7 June 2026**
- Applicants notified of funding outcome: **Monday 29 June**
- Bundanon Welcome Session (via Zoom): **Thursday 27 August 2026**
- Bundanon Residency: **21 – 27 September 2026**

10. Enquiries

Please direct any inquiries about this program to the Accessible Arts Team

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