

MPAC Creative Developments



2027

Calls for expression of interest

Who we are

Monash University Performing Arts Centres (MPAC) is a unique creative organisation in Australia, where Monash research excellence meets the transformative power of artistic collaboration. A space for community, creativity and discovery, presenting live music, theatre, dance, experiential shows and festivals. Based at Monash University, welcoming to all.

We are a public-facing performing arts centre comprising five venues located at the Clayton and Peninsula campuses. We commission and present works by leading arts practitioners from Australia and around the world. Our audiences include Monash University students, staff and alumni, diverse communities living in Melbourne's south east, and performing arts lovers from across the country. We act as a research body within the University, reaching into the extraordinary community of thinkers and experts at Monash and linking them to artists and researchers to create a range of outcomes.

We have a substantial and growing network of exceptional First Nations academics, and are dedicated to supporting original First Nations ideas and performance to experiment in a supportive environment.

What we believe

At MPAC we believe that we can provide opportunities that empower both artists and experts from all fields. By linking them together we can generate new art works, new ways of communicating ideas and new thought paradigms.

We support new works with our resources, venues, and personnel.



Cover: Little Blue Dot,
Lemony S Puppet Theatre
Left: Matthias Schack-Arnott,
David Li Sound Gallery

Applications

Our offer to you

MPAC will offer two successful applicants \$7,500 plus a 2 week residency in one of our spaces to develop a 'proof of concept' proposal for further commissioning and development within our program. We may seek to present a work-in-progress showing as part of our program. You may also be asked to take part in a public talk or forum.

We are reaching out to artists who have or want to develop a practice that incorporates other fields of knowledge in a fundamental way. This could be anything from artists working with digital imagery who want to deepen their knowledge via Monash's VR and data imaging unit; to children's theatre practitioners wanting to work with early childhood development experts to test the impact of their work on audiences, to composers wanting to explore the ways in which bushfires are changing Australia's ecology.

MPAC commissions engaging with Monash research are growing, including strong connections to researchers at:

[The Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music and Performance](#)
[School of Physics and Astronomy](#)
[School of Earth, Atmosphere and Environment](#)
[Securing Antarctica's Environmental Future research unit](#)
[The Victorian Heart Hospital](#)
[The Castan Centre for Human Rights Law](#)
[The Department of Early Childhood Education](#)

How to apply

Applications will open Monday 2 March 2026 and close on Friday 29 May 2026 at 5pm.

Please provide the following:

- A summary of your project (*300 words*)
- An outline of the area of research that interests you (*300 words*)
- A draft timeline showing how you plan to develop your project over the next two years (*300 words*)

You will also be able to upload background material on the key artists taking part, their ideas and practice.

Please submit your application using [this form](#) no later than Friday 29 May 2026 before 5pm.

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Up to two selected proposals will be funded and developed in consultation with MPAC. Support will include technical and logistical support from our operations team, and links to Monash University researchers with expertise in the required area and the interest to engage.

A selection committee made up of MPAC and other Monash University staff, with external assessors will meet to consider applications.

Applicants must declare any current and/or ongoing affiliation with Monash University.

Monash University is committed to principles of equity and diversity.

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