

Pacific Aniva Residency | Ngāmotu 2025 Guidelines for Applicants

In 2025, Creative New Zealand and the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery | Len Lye Centre are working together to offer the Pacific Aniva Artist Residency to an Aotearoa-based Pacific artist or practitioner who identifies as LGBTQIA+/MVPFAFF+.

The Residency will enable the selected practitioner to undertake a paid, three-month fellowship based at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery | Len Lye Centre in Ngāmotu New Plymouth, to create a new body of work.

Applicants must have a record of artistic practice, have had at least one public work and/or one solo exhibition, and have expertise in any one of the following areas: visual art, heritage art, design, digital art, writing, public programming, performance or production, or curating.

You are eligible to apply if you meet the following criteria:

- Artist of Pacific Islands heritage
- Identify as LGBTQiA+/MVPFAFF+
- Permanent resident or citizen of Aotearoa New Zealand
- Applicants currently defaulting on any Creative New Zealand Funding will not be eligible to apply.

What will be provided through the residency?

- An artist fee of \$18,000 (\$6000/month) over three months
- A domestic travel budget to and from Ngāmotu New Plymouth of up to \$1000
- Accommodation of up to \$3000
- Material/project costs of up \$2000
- A local artist/creative mentor. The mentor can be nominated by the successful applicant, subject to conversations with CNZ, the Govett-Brewster, and the nominated mentor.

Commitments of the residency

- The successful applicant can be based in Ngāmou or work remotely. The artist will be required to present a new body of work. We are seeking applicants who are willing to engage and share their work with local Pacific LGBTQiA+/MVPFAFF+ communities.

Timeline

- Applications open: 7 February 2025
- 1:1 online talanoa sessions between interested applicants and the Gallery are available, to answer any questions or queries you may have. Please [contact us](#) to arrange a suitable time (note – this replaces a public Talanoa event on 5 March).
- **Applications close: 5.00pm, 17 March 2025**
- This will be followed by application assessments, and interview of a short list
- Residency dates are flexible by agreement between the artist, CNZ and GBAG/LLC

Objectives: Creative New Zealand

- To recognise and advocate for professional and creative development opportunities for Pasifika artists and practitioners under the Creative NZ Pacific Arts Strategy 2023-2028.
- To strengthen Creative NZ's relationship with strategic partners in Aotearoa and globally for the Pacific Arts.
- To strengthen dialogue through creativity and lived experience on Pasifika culture and values.
- To highlight issues confronting the Pacific region such as climate change, cultural identity, environmental sustainability, LGBTQiA+/MVPFAFF+, women, youth or indigenous rights are highlighted and visible through creative expressions.

Intended outcomes: Govett-Brewster Art Gallery | Len Lye Centre

- The Gallery successfully engages a Pasifika artist to undertake a three-month residency, researching and working with the Taranaki Pacific community, possibly towards a future exhibition and other programme elements.
- Opportunities are created and delivered which enable the Artist in Residence to build connections, relationships and opportunities with the local community, in particular the Taranaki Pasifika community.

How to apply

Applicants must submit a single PDF document containing the following information:

1. A one-page project proposal explaining what you want to do including:
 - Key ideas/themes of your project
 - Rationale (why you are doing it)
 - How your project meets Creative NZ Pacific Arts Strategy pou: *Tagata, Va, Vaka, Moana*
 - Output (what you hope to produce)
 - Potential impact (benefits to the artist and communities/stakeholders).
 - Connection opportunities for local
2. A copy of a current/up-to-date CV, stating areas of artistic experience and expertise.
3. One support letter.

Short-listed applicants may be asked to submit further information if required and will be invited to attend a 30-minute interview (in-person or online) with the selection panel in late March.

The residency dates will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

Applications should be sent as a single PDF attachment to theresa.tongi@npdc.govt.nz before 5pm 17 March 2025.

