

## **Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What are the selection panel looking for?**

This award is intended for graduates that have been impacted most by Covid-19, where lack of access to space, resources, and guidance have prevented them from refining and developing skillsets, and realising ambitious work. We are looking for dedicated and driven graduates who have the most potential to benefit from this financial and professional support, and the successful candidates will be able to demonstrate these needs and aspirations through their application.

### **How will mentors be appointed?**

The mentors represent a range of creative practice including fine art, curating, filmmaking, photography, performance, and design. During the selection process, the panel will identify the most suitable pairings between mentors and mentees. Applicants will also have the opportunity to suggest their preferred mentor and reasons why, which will be taken into consideration.

### **Will the mentoring sessions happen remotely?**

Yes – these will take place on Zoom or an equivalent online platform. You may wish to meet your mentor in person but this will need to be agreed and arranged with your mentor.

### **Can I apply for care and/or access costs?**

Yes. We see these costs as essential to allow you to fully participate in your professional development award. You can request up to an additional £200 on top of the main bursary. Please let us know your care/access requirements in the additional comments section.

### **Where has the grant money come from?**

These awards have been realised through the Expanded Additional Restrictions Grants scheme for Cultural, Entertainment and Convention Facilities at Manchester City Council. The award is designed to provide financial support to cultural, entertainment and convention facilities as part of the city's economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **I've read the guidance and FAQ but still have a question. What should I do?**

Please send an email with your question to Zoe Watson at [z.watson@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:z.watson@mmu.ac.uk)