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Summary of the Peer Jury Feedback from the January 1, 2025 Deadlines – Artist in Residence and Career Development Programs

Artist in Residence Program

General Information and Data

- 25 applications to the Artist in Residence program were evaluated by a multidisciplinary jury of peers.
- The jury was able to award 10 grants with the available budget envelope for this deadline (40.0 % success rate).
- 10 additional applications received a status of “Merit.” This status indicates that the jury wished to recommend these applications for funding, but that the program budget was insufficient to fund all meriting applications.
- The jury assigned 5 applications the status of “Not Recommended”. This result does not necessarily mean that the work lacks merit; grant assessment is a competitive process and budgets are limited. Remember that every program deadline has a different set of applicants and a different jury.
- Prior to peer jury evaluation, 1 additional application was disqualified due to ineligibility for this program.
- Of the 10 grants awarded, 2 were awarded to applicants receiving their first grant from artsnb.
- For more detailed information including success rates by artistic discipline, please visit the [news release](#) featuring the results of this deadline.

Recommendations on application components

- Overall, the jury was excited to see so many strong applications with a clear impact on the artist in residence and on the community.
- The jury appreciated when applicants clearly demonstrated the relationship between the residency and the proposed artist's creative practice, in addition to articulating the motivation behind the artistic rationale.
- The jury recommended that applicants write their proposal with a multidisciplinary artistic audience in mind. When describing the proposed residency, be sure to describe it in a way that will be understandable by a jury of arts professionals from a variety of artistic backgrounds, as one or more jurors may not be as familiar with the technical terms or needs of your specific art form.
- The jury appreciated a selection of samples of work that were varied and relevant to the project.
- The jury advised organizations and institutions who apply to host an artist to demonstrate how the proposed residency will benefit the artist as well as the host organization or community: what resources or connections is the host organization offering the artist? How will the artist and their collaborators be compensated?



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- The jury advises applicants to be attentive to details in their applications, and to ensure all files and information provided are consistent with what is presented in the project description. If the jurors have questions or doubts about the effectiveness of the proposed opportunity to achieve what the applicant is proposing, this can affect how they view the feasibility of the project.

Other artsnb programs that may interest the artists who applied to this program deadline:

- Applicants who were unsuccessful in this deadline may be eligible to reapply for a future deadline; for long-term residencies that have already begun, this may involve reframing the project in multiple phases. Please refer to the [Artist in Residence program guidelines](#) or email prog@artsnb.ca with questions.
- For applicants seeking travel funds after an invitation to show their work, please refer to artsnb's [Career Development—Arts by Invitation program](#).
- For applicants seeking professional development opportunities, including conferences, mentorships, or any further education in their art form, please refer to artsnb's [Career Development—Professional Development program](#).
- For applicants seeking to professionalize their portfolios and/or samples of work (e.g. hiring a professional photographer or videographer to document their work), please refer to artsnb's [Career Development—Professionalization & Promotion program](#).
- For applicants proposing the creation of new work outside of the context of a residency, please refer to artsnb's [Creation program](#).

Career Development Program

General Information and Data

- 23 applications to the Career Development program were evaluated by a multidisciplinary jury of peers.
- The jury was able to award 18 grants with the available budget envelope for this deadline (78.3 % success rate).
- 3 additional applications received a status of "Merit." This status indicates that the jury wished to recommend these applications for funding, but that the program budget was insufficient to fund all meriting applications.
- The jury assigned 2 applications the status of Not Recommended. If an application isn't successful, it doesn't necessarily mean that the work lacks merit. Grant assessment is a competitive process and budgets are limited. Remember that every program deadline has a different set of applicants and a different jury.
- Of the 18 grants awarded, 3 were awarded to applicants receiving their first grant from artsnb.
- For more detailed information including success rates by artistic discipline, please visit the [news release](#) featuring the results of this deadline.

Recommendations on application components



- The jury was enthusiastic about the quality of the applications submitted for this deadline and was excited to see so many varied opportunities for New Brunswick artists.
- The jury recommended that applicants use the project description section to specify their role in the project and clearly state the current opportunity (exhibition, mentorship, professionalization), in addition to explaining the impact and relevance to the artist's creative practice.
- The jury recommended that applicants ensure the goal and timeline of their project description matches the focus of the proposed opportunity. If the jurors have questions or doubts about the effectiveness of the proposed opportunity to achieve what the applicant is proposing, this can affect how they view the feasibility of the project.
- The jury wishes to remind applicants to ensure that all elements of their application are complete, accurate, and accessible, as it is difficult to assess incorrect files or expired links.

Other artsnb programs that may interest the artists who applied to this program deadline:

- Applicants who were unsuccessful in this deadline may be eligible to reapply for a future deadline. Please refer to the [Career Development program guidelines](#) or email prog@artsnb.ca with questions.
- For applicants seeking support for an artist residency, please refer to artsnb's [Artist in Residence program](#).
- For applicants proposing the creation of new work, please refer to artsnb's [Creation program](#).