



Signal Young Creatives Lab 2019 guidelines

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1. Introduction

Signal's Young Creatives Lab provides an opportunity for young artists and creative practitioners to propose new ideas to be realised in collaboration with Signal.

The Young Creatives Lab supports project expenses from \$5,000 - \$8,000.

New ideas and project proposals are welcome from young artists and creative practitioners aged 18 to 25 years. Signal welcomes ideas from artists of all disciplines, as well as creatives and inter-disciplinary artists including curators, producers, performers, designers, film makers, gamers, new media artists and writers.

The initial application process is simple - tell us your idea and a brief outline of project fees. Signal will then work in collaboration with you to realise your idea. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to engage in one on one mentoring, intensive creative development sessions and be supported in building industry networks and partnerships.

The Young Creatives Lab is a critical space that encourages experimentation and generating discussion around new creative possibilities. Participants are supported to develop an idea from concept to full realisation with the support of Signal staff.

The Young Creatives Lab utilises the Signal spaces and studio for intensive creative development and presentation whilst encouraging young artists and creatives to work independently to develop project ideas.

There will be an information session about the 2019 Young Creatives Lab funding at Signal on Wednesday May 15 at 6pm.

2. Assessment criteria

A selection panel made up of industry peers and Signal creative staff will assess each project idea and the funds requested for project delivery.

Projects will be assessed and selected based on the following criteria:

- Strength of the proposed idea
- Innovation and point of difference
- Idea is clearly expressed and achievable
- Impact of participation in the Young Creatives Lab on the applicants professional development
- How the idea / proposal engages with the Signal building and program

Please refer to [our program](#)¹ to see the type of work Signal currently delivers with young people, emerging artists and for young audiences.

¹ <http://www.signal.net.au/>

3. Project Ideas, outcomes and participation

Young artists and creatives can propose an exhibition, installation or performance, a conversation series, development of a publication, or a digital project.

Project outcomes can be delivered in a number of ways including online, in the form of a publication, within the public realm and at the Signal venue.

The Young Creatives Lab supports experimentation and professional skills development and enhances opportunities for young artists and creatives to broaden professional networks.

3.1 Participation in The Young Creatives Lab includes:

- Project funding from \$5,000 to \$8,000
- Additional Signal venue, producing, marketing and mentor support valued at \$20,000
- One on one mentoring, intensive creative development sessions, feedback and support with artistic development and presentation
- Support with negotiating partnerships and building industry networks
- Assistance with developing budgeting, curatorial and project management skills
- Marketing and publicity support
- Assistance with risk assessment and management
- Project support in the form of the Signal venue, technical and production support
- Additional funding to assist with access requirements such as Auslan for participants with a disability, as well as audiences.

3.2 Eligibility

- Applicants must be artists or creative practitioners aged 18 to 25 years
- Applicants can only submit one proposal
- Applications from creative or artistic collectives (majority of members must be aged 18 to 25 years) are eligible to apply
- Outcomes must take place within the City of Melbourne municipal boundaries and the use of the Signal building is preferred
- Proposals must be for new ideas or work
- Applicants proposing projects or ideas in the public realm must speak with a Signal Program Producer prior to submitting an application
- Relevant support material must be included in the proposal
- Projects must take place between August 2019 and May 2020
- You cannot apply for Signal's Young Creatives Lab if you are a City of Melbourne employee
- Successful applicants must obtain or hold a valid Working with Children Check.

3.3 The Young Creatives Lab will not fund the following:

- Artists or creative practitioners aged over 25 years – please refer to City of Melbourne [Annual Arts grants](#)².
- Arts organisations – please refer to City of Melbourne [Triennial and Annual Arts Grants](#)².
- Projects that are already funded by another City of Melbourne grants, sponsorship, expression of interest (EOI) program, or City of Melbourne arts program
- Proposals with a primary focus on fundraising
- Projects that form part of an accredited course of study
- Projects with public outcomes that take place outside the City of Melbourne boundaries
- Accommodation and International travel.

4. Proposal Process

Your proposal must be submitted online by **Friday May 31 at 9pm**.

Apply via our [online form](#).

Late applications will not be accepted.

If you need assistance with your application including support with translation, please contact Signal on (03) 8696 5400.

If you are deaf, hearing-impaired or speech-impaired, you may call us via the [National Relay Service](#)³.

5. Important Dates

- YCL Info session Wednesday May 15 6pm at Signal
- EOI Opens Monday May 6 at 9am
- EOI Closes Friday May 31 at 9pm
- Successful/Unsuccessful applicants notified by Tuesday June 18
- Lab Intensive at Signal Thursday July 18 and Friday July 19 2019
- Successful applicants must be available to take part in the Lab intensive in July at Signal.
- Projects must be delivered between August 2019 and May 2020.

6. Contact

If you have enquiries or need assistance with your application including support with translation, please contact Signal:

² <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture/strategies-support/funding/Pages/funding.aspx>

³ <http://relayservice.gov.au/>

Phone: 03 8696 5400

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Or via the [National Relay Service](#)³.