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PROGRAM

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APPLY NOW

Artback NT call out for proposals from  
independent/emerging NT curators

\$10,000 curatorial fee for an  
exhibition to tour the NT in 2019



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Applications close midnight Mon 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019

For guidelines and application forms,  
visit <http://bit.ly/2o83e19>



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## SPARK – NT Curator Program

Artback NT's SPARK program supports an independent or emerging curator resident in the Northern Territory to develop an exhibition project for tour. The program is designed to foster art critical and curatorial practice within the NT and provide NT artists with opportunities to showcase their work within curated touring exhibitions. SPARK exhibitions are developed over a maximum of eight months in one year for tour throughout the Northern Territory the following year.

In 2018 Artback NT, with support from Catalyst – Australian Arts and Culture Fund, will be able to contribute the following financial support towards the successful project:

- a \$10,000 curatorial fee
- a \$10,000 budget towards research (travel/consultation) and development (artist/loan fees and signage/design)

Artback NT is interested to hear from a wide range of practitioners, including those without previous curatorial experience. If you have a vision for an exhibition, we are eager to hear from you!

The successful curator will be selected through a competitive application process. To submit your application, please email it and your required support material through to [art@artbacknt.com.au](mailto:art@artbacknt.com.au) by **midnight Monday 1st April, 2019**. Dropbox links are welcome to accommodate large files.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the assessment process by 30 April, 2019.

The exhibition project will be in development from May 2019 for tour beginning April 2020.

Artback NT Visual Arts staff are available to discuss your project ideas at any stage - [art@artbacknt.com.au](mailto:art@artbacknt.com.au) | 08 8953 5941.

## ELIGIBILITY

The curatorial proposal must satisfy the following criteria:

- The curator must be a resident of the Northern Territory
- Proposals must include at least 50% Territory based artists
- Proposals must reflect Territory issues, concerns or perspectives
- Proposals may access Regional Gallery collections to supplement or inform curatorial themes
- Proposals may wish to engage with Territory based organisations or groups as part of the project
- Proposals must incorporate potential for related audience engagement programs
- Exhibitions must be physically viable to tour regionally

The SPARK NT Program will not support projects that are:

- part of study based outcomes
- already funded in full or in part elsewhere
- already included in an exhibition program

## ASSESSMENT

The curatorial proposal will be assessed by a panel made up of staff from SPARK partnering organisations including the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory [MAGNT], Northern Centre for Contemporary Art [NCCA], Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre [GYRAAC], Nyinkka Nyunyu Aboriginal Art & Culture Centre, Araluen Arts Centre and DESART in association with Artback NT Visual Arts staff.

Projects will be assessed against evidence of:

- **Artistic Merit** — a curatorial rationale that is conceptually interesting, significant, relevant or innovative with a well chosen selection of artists and/or artworks
- **Audience Engagement** — the potential to engage audiences and communities in a meaningful and challenging manner
- **Viability** — physical and logistical suitability for regional touring and capacity for identified personnel to deliver