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Open call: Biennials Connect Grants

Our Biennials Connect Grants are now offering grants of up to £9,500 to UK and international biennials / festivals in eligible countries.

The British Council Biennials Connect Grants are now offering grants of up to 9,500 GBP to UK and international biennials/festivals in eligible countries.

Biennials Connect Grants support **visual artists' participation in UK and international festivals and biennials**. The grants directly benefit artists by facilitating opportunities for **travel, the production of new work, networking, skills building and showcasing through biennial partners**.

The core activity or biennial/festival presentation will be from **February 2026**. The final activity and evaluation must take place before February 2027. Grant applications can be made for **projects involving multiple artists, but only one application per biennial organisation can be submitted**. Festivals can receive a maximum of one Biennials Connect Grant per edition.

Eligibility

The Biennials Connect Grants are open to **UK** (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales) and **international biennials, festivals and art organisations**. Individual artists are not eligible to apply.

International biennials/festivals must be based in eligible countries (organisations and artists based in countries which are Official Development Assistance recipients are a priority), including the following ASEM countries:

China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Viet Nam, Thailand, Australia, Japan, Korea, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Romania and Spain.

Grant

9,500 GBP available for:

- UK biennials/festivals collaborating with visual artists based in ODA countries
- international biennials/festivals based in ODA countries collaborating with visual artists in the UK.

5,000 GBP available for:

- UK biennials/festivals collaborating with visual artists based in non-ODA countries
- international biennials/festivals based in non-ODA countries collaborating with visual artists in the UK

Biennials Connect Grants application guidelines

Deadline: 14 September 2025

WEBSITE

[HTTPS://ARTS.BRITISHCOUNCIL.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/OPPORTUNITIES/BIENNIALS-CONNECT-GRANTS](https://arts.britishcouncil.org/get-involved/opportunities/biennials-connect-grants)

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