



Information for employers

Jerwood Curatorial Accelerator (JCA) is a new 12-month programme to support ten early-career curators from working class/low socio-economic backgrounds to develop their networks, skills and leadership ambitions.

You can find out more about the programme [here](#).

The benefits to your employee as a JCA Fellow include:

- access to high-quality training and workshops by sector leaders
- participation in topical debates within the visual arts/cultural sector
- building confidence and leadership skills
- developing a stronger understanding of curatorial approaches across the UK
- networking with peers and 8 high-profile arts organisations

The benefits to employers include having a more skilled employee with enhanced knowledge, leadership potential and access to a much wider network of practitioners and cultural organisations, strengthening your organisation and its work/ambitions with artists and audiences.

There is no additional cost to you as an employer. If your employee becomes a JCA Fellow they will receive financial and non-financial support in their development as a curatorial leader.

There is a £4000 bursary for their time spent on JCA which can be:

- a) paid directly to your employee
- b) paid to you to backfill the employee's role for the time they spend on the programme
- c) split flexibly between you and your employee to enable them to participate

In addition, all travel, refreshments, online training and workshops and access costs supporting the needs of D/deaf, disabled or neurodivergent Fellows and/or those with caring responsibilities will be covered.

Your employee will require **flexibility** in their working days/hours to be able to join all JCA activities. They will have to be away from the workplace when taking part in certain parts of the programme in person and online.

The time commitment across the 12-months is approximately:

- 8 x 2-day residential UK visits (these will be Mon-Fri and require travel time either side)
- 12 x 2-hour online workshops (these will be Mon-Fri)
- 5 mentoring sessions

The schedule anticipates visiting the following Host organisations:

Visit 1: Yorkshire Sculpture International (YSI)	July 2022
Visit 2: Dundee Contemporary Arts (DCA)	September 2022
Visit 3: Turner Contemporary	November 2022
Visit 4: Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art (MiMA)	December 2022
Visit 5: Centre for Contemporary Art, Derry-Londonderry (CCA)	February 2023
Visit 6: Somerset House	March 2023
Visit 7: Peak Cymru	May 2023
Visit 8: JCA Fellow's Choice	June 2023

The JCA programme - with its focus on advancing careers of individuals from working class/low socio-economic backgrounds - has been carefully designed to allow individuals to participate in while staying in current employment.

Activities are spread out across the year to minimise disruption to existing commitments and the needs of employers, while also creating a series of engaging and reflective learning opportunities with long-term impact on the JCA Fellows' development.

Please get in touch with Mirka Kotulicova mirka@jerwoodarts.org if you would like to ask any further questions.