2027 Masterclass

Bursary Assistance

About the Masterclasses

Canberra Glassworks' 2027 Masterclass Program brings leading artists and makers to Canberra to deliver intensive professional development opportunities for artists working in contemporary glass, craft and design.

In 2027, bursary assistance will be available for three masterclasses:

- Layla Walter: *Scaling Up*, 5 to 9 February 2027
- Blanche Tilden: *Assembly*, 15 to 19 March 2027
- Jay Macdonell: *Objective Design*, 25 to 31 October 2027

Each masterclass provides participants with an opportunity to develop technical skills, explore new approaches to their practice and learn directly from an internationally recognised practitioner.

Bursary Opportunity

Canberra Glassworks, with the support of ArtsNational, is offering three bursaries for artists participating in the 2027 Masterclass Program, with one bursary available for each masterclass.

Each bursary is valued at $1,000 and will be applied towards the $1,400 masterclass fee. Successful applicants will be required to contribute the remaining $400 course fee.

The bursary does not cover travel, accommodation, meals or other costs associated with participating in the masterclass.

Successful applicants may also be invited to share their experience with ArtsNational following the masterclass, either through a short presentation or written contribution.

Key Dates

Applications are now open and may be submitted at any time.

Applications for each bursary will close eight weeks prior to the commencement of the relevant masterclass. Successful applicants will be notified approximately six weeks prior to the masterclass starting date.

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Masterclasses in 2027

Layla Walter: Scaling Up

Masterclass: 5–9 February 2027
Applications close: 11 December 2026
Successful applicant notified: by 23 December 2026

Blanche Tilden: Assembly

Masterclass: 15–19 March 2027
Applications close: 18 January 2027
Successful applicant notified: 1 February 2027

Jay Macdonell: Object(ive) Design

Masterclass: 25–31 October 2027
Applications close: 30 August 2027
Successful applicant notified: 13 September 2027

Applications must be submitted by email to wendy.dawes@canberraglassworks.com.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be an Australian citizen, permanent resident, or have been based in Australia for at least six months prior to applying.
- Be an emerging or mid-career glass artist.
- Have engaged with Canberra Glassworks through exhibitions, the Gallery Shop, public programs, or the Artist Access Program within the past 12 months.
- Demonstrate how participation in the masterclass would contribute to the development of their practice.
- Be able to contribute the remaining $400 course fee and meet their own travel, accommodation and associated expenses.

Applicants are not eligible if they:

- Are currently enrolled as a student.
- Have received a Canberra Glassworks residency or bursary within the previous two years.

Assessment Process

Applications will be assessed by a panel that may include:

- The Canberra Glassworks Director
- An external glass artist, curator or arts professional

Assessment will consider artistic merit, the relevance of the masterclass to the applicant's practice, the potential impact of participation on their artistic development, and demonstrated financial need.

Application Requirements

Please submit the following:

1. A written statement of no more than 400 words outlining:
    - Your artistic practice and career to date.
    - Why you wish to attend the masterclass.
    - How participation will benefit your artistic development.
    - How receiving the bursary would assist you to attend.
2. A current résumé highlighting your artistic experience and achievements.
3. A minimum of three images demonstrating your practice, accompanied by titles and brief descriptions. Images may include finished works or process documentation. Individual files must not exceed 5MB.
4. Two professional referees, providing names and phone numbers only.

Further Information

For assistance with your application, please contact Wendy Dawes, Deputy Director, at wendy.dawes@canberraglassworks.com.