

Dewar Arts Awards - Guidance for Applications

The Application Process

Nomination

Potential candidates must be nominated by a tutor, colleague or employer who has a good knowledge of their work and can be considered an objective source of opinion. This person must give a statement explaining why they consider the candidate has exceptional talent.

Please note:

- You cannot nominate yourself or be nominated by a close family member.

References

Please give details of two Referees who can testify to the quality of the candidate's work and can supply us with examples where possible.

Please note:

- A Nominator cannot also act as a Referee.
- Referees should not be associated with the institution where the candidate wishes to study.
- The two Referees cannot be from the same institution.

Assessment

Once the Trustees have considered an application, we may arrange for a professional assessment or audition where appropriate.

Mentors

In some cases, we may offer to provide a mentor who can help to support and shape a candidate's ambition and direction.

Notes on filling out the form

- Please include a full postal address (including post code) and email address for the Nominator and Referees. If none is available, insert a@b.com instead.
- Please ensure contacts can be reached at the addresses given **at the time of submission** (particularly when giving a work address).

- **Referee reports are a crucial part of the decision process.** Ensuring you have entered all the correct contact details will help us to obtain comments as quickly as possible.
- Applications **must** include strong evidence to demonstrate **truly outstanding ability** and **genuinely limited financial means**. Nominations without evidence of these criteria will not be considered.
- When you outline your project or ambition, this is your chance to show your passion, focus and ambition. Tell the Trustees as much as you can about what you want to achieve and how receiving a Dewar Arts Award would help your development.
- The Trustees usually meet 4 times a year. In exceptional or time-sensitive circumstances, the Trustees may consider a nomination outwith their scheduled meetings.
- It can take several weeks to gather the information required before a nomination can be considered. Please allow sufficient time for the decision-making process.