



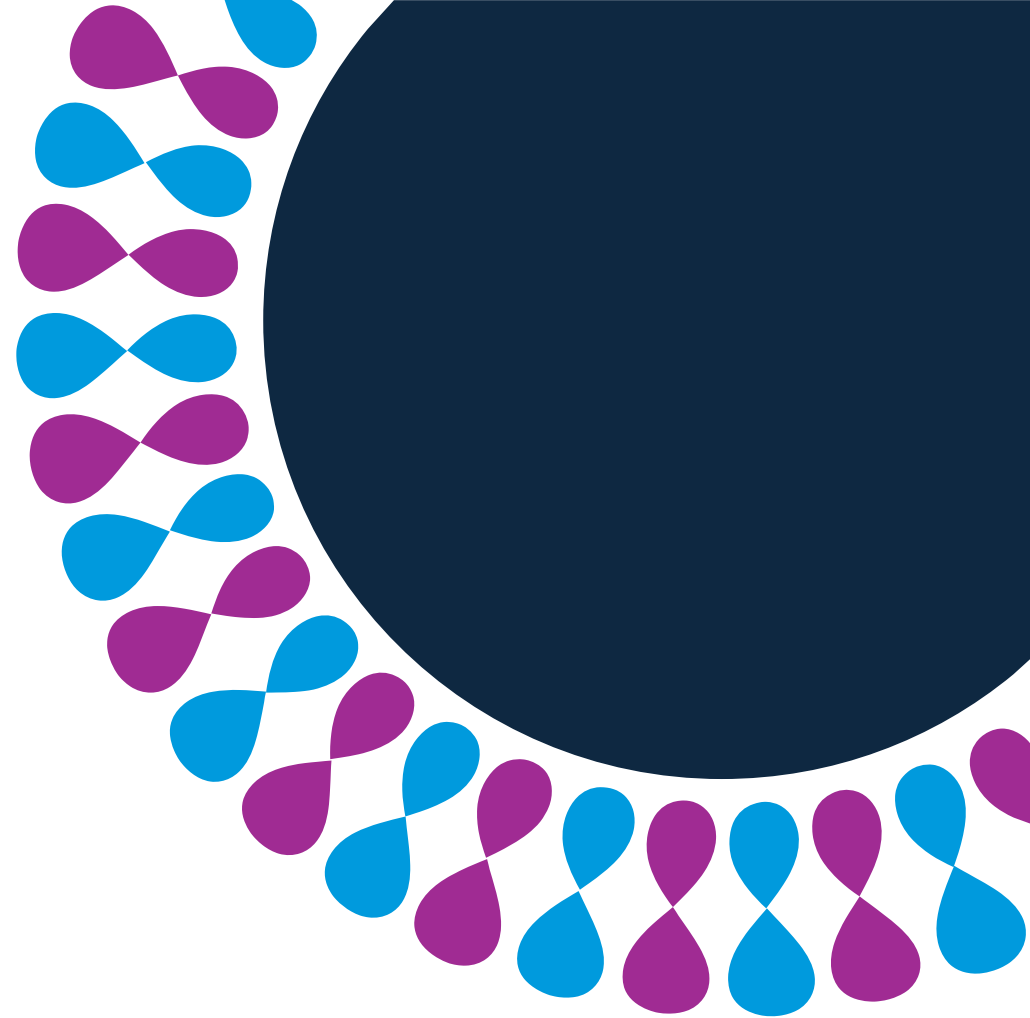
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# Updates to Canada Council Programs and Portal

This presentation is accurate as of March 12, 2025.  
Please refer to the [Canada Council](#) website for most up-to-date information.

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L'art au cœur de nos vies



# Land Acknowledgement

The Canada Council's offices, located in Ottawa, are on the unceded, unsurrendered Territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation whose presence here reaches back to time immemorial.

*The Algonquin Canoe*, 2012, Daniel (Pinock) Smith, birch bark canoe, cedar ribs, cedar paddles. Collection of the Canada Council Art Bank.  
Photo: Sandra Dyck



# This webinar will cover:

- what's new in 2025;
- updated portal and transition period;
- new and combined grant components;
- deadlines;
- how to stay informed.

# What's new in 2025?

- Updated portal
- Improved application forms
- New and combined grant components
- Actions to address findings of Peer Process Research



- easier to create an applicant profile and search for funding
- brings all funding opportunities – grants AND prizes – into one portal
- simplify our application process and forms
- provide more flexible funding

# Updated portal

Later this year, we will transition to an updated portal. The earliest possible launch date is summer 2025.

The portal will:

- have new features;
- have a new look and feel;
- be more accessible and reduce barriers;
- make it easier to apply.

# Portal transition period

We will start implementing changes in 2025, with the earliest possible roll-out in the summer of 2025.

There will be a **six week transition period** during which you will not be able to access our current portal.

- You will not be able to create new applications, accept grants, or submit reports during this period.
- We will announce the key dates two months before the transition period begins.
- We will offer information sessions to help you prepare and keep you informed. Dates will be announced soon.

# Program Updates: Responding to what we have heard

- Clarify common pain points and confusion
- Make it easier to apply
- More flexible support
- Easier to combine activities into one application
- Reduce barriers for applicants who are Deaf or have a disability

# New funding opportunities

**Micro-grants**

**Composite Activities**

**i** Applications will be accepted in the updated portal in 2025.



# New funding opportunity: Micro-grants

Streamlined funding for a wide range of activities supporting the professional growth and advancement of your artistic career or artistic practice.

## Support for:

- Career or artistic development and acquiring knowledge;
- Increasing accessibility for audiences, artists and/or arts workers who are Deaf or have disabilities;
- Market and network development;
- Participation in a presentation or an exhibition opportunity;
- Access Support, without the need to have an associated grant.

## Replaces:

**Explore and Create:**  
Professional Development  
for Artists

**Supporting Artistic  
Practice:**  
Professional Development  
for Arts Professionals

**Arts Across Canada:**  
Travel

**Arts Abroad:** Travel

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Request up to \$10,000  
per application

# New funding opportunity: Composite Activities

Multi-year project funding and flexible support for multiple large, or complex projects, covering a wide range of activities for a period of up to 3 years.

## Support for one or more of the following activities:

- The artistic process from research to presentation;
- The publication of literary books and magazines authored by Canadian writers;
- Improve and innovate the Canadian arts sectors' capacity to support the arts and artists;
- Develop and improve ways for the public to engage with Canadian artworks and artists;
- Develop and support markets for Canadian arts both domestically and abroad.

### Replaces:

**Explore and Create:**  
Concept to Realization  
(composite)

**Supporting Artistic Practice:**  
Sector Innovation and Development  
(composite)

**Arts Across Canada:**  
Public Outreach  
(composite)

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Request up to \$100,000 per year, up to 3 years, for a maximum of \$300,000

# Combined funding components

**Artistic Creation**

**Circulation & Touring**

**Representation & Promotion**

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# Combined component: Artistic Creation

Support for all artistic research, creation, and public sharing of artistic work at any or all stages of the creative process in one streamlined component.

## Support for:

- Artistic research
- Artistic experimentation
- Creation of artistic work
- Production of artistic work
- Artists and community collaboration
- Public sharing of artistic work

## Replaces:

**Explore and Create:**  
Research and  
Creation

**Explore and Create:**  
Concept to Realization

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Up to \$75,000  
per application

# Combined component: Circulation and Touring

Support for the circulation and touring of artists, exhibitions and artistic works from Canada and activities linked to artistic exchange and networking both nationally and internationally.

## Support for:

- Circulation or touring:
  - to one or more destinations;
  - in Canada and/or Abroad;
  - to build national or international exposure.

## Replaces:

**Arts Across Canada:**  
Circulation and Touring

**Arts Abroad:**  
Circulation and Touring

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Up to \$200,000 per application  
(representing a maximum of 50% of total eligible costs)

# Combined component: Representation and Promotion

Funding for travel linked to national and international promotion and the development of markets for Canadian artists and artistic works.

## Support for:

- Formally representing and promoting artists and arts practices from Canada
- Researching artistic content to program for public presentation in Canada
- Bringing international buyers to Canada
- Leading a delegation from Canada abroad

### Replaces:

**Arts Across Canada:**  
Representation and  
Promotion

**Arts Abroad:**  
Representation and  
Promotion

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Up to \$30,000 per  
application

# Other Program Updates: Sector Support, Innovation and Development

Support for the ongoing growth, strengthening and development of the arts sector.

## Support for:

- Advancing or developing resources and practices in the arts sector
- Nurturing learning and continuous improvement
- Gathering, collaborating and exchanging
- Sector building for and by equity and sovereignty-seeking arts communities
- Testing solutions
- Organizational improvement, development, and/or capacity building

## Replaces:

**Supporting Artistic Practice:**  
Sector Innovation  
and Development

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Up to \$100,000 per  
application

# Other Updates

- ▶ **Access support**
  - Access support requests integrated into the regular application process
    - improve accessibility
    - provide faster results
- ▶ **Application Limits**
- ▶ **Broader Access for First Nations, Inuit and Métis People**
- ▶ **Deadlines**
  - Recently extended some of our funding deadlines
  - Added a new composite deadline for Concept to Realization
  - Deadlines for the second half of 2025



# What's next? Keeping you informed.

✓ Program information sessions this spring.

✓ Next round of communications will include more information about:

- Six-week transition period: what it means for you

✓ Prior to launch:

- Info sessions on updated portal
- Other training and support resources

✓ [Updates to Funding Opportunities and Portal](#) web page



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**Thank you!**

