



NAS ABORIGINAL ART CENTRE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2026

APPLICATIONS OPEN TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2025

The National Art School (NAS) is now accepting applications for the 2026 Aboriginal Art Centre Internship program. Now in its thirteenth year, this internship program is made possible through the generous support of Sharon Toffler and Mark Tedeschi AM QC. These internships provide graduating students with an opportunity to acquire practical arts management experience and training in an active Aboriginal community art centre environment. Working closely with the Art Centre Manager, interns will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience working with artists and day-to-day arts centre operations. Successful applicants are expected to take up the internship in 2026. Recipients will be provided with transport to and from the art centre, accommodation, and stipend for the ten-week period of the internship.

Eligibility:

Undergraduate students

Applications are open to all students at the conclusion of their final year of study in 2025 in the Bachelor of Fine Art program who are in a position to take up the internship in 2026.

Postgraduate students

Applications are open to all students at the conclusion of their final year of study in 2025 in the Master of Fine Art program who are in a position to take up internship the in 2026.

Applications

Applications must be submitted via the online form by **Sunday 16 November 2025, 11:59pm**. Successful applicants will be announced at the NAS Graduate Awards night on **Wednesday 10 December 2025**.

Support Material

STATEMENT

All applicants must upload a written statement (PDF format, 500 words max) outlining:

- what professional development benefit you hope to achieve through the internship.
- why you would like to undertake an internship at this particular stage in your career.
- what specific skills and attributes you feel you could bring to this role.



CV

All applicants must upload a CV of no more than two pages in PDF format.

IMAGES

All applicants must upload a maximum of ten images, with one image per slide, in PPT format. Each slide should include the name of artist, title, date, medium, and dimensions.

PASSPORT/ VISA

All applicants must upload a copy of their current Passport and/or VISA.

The panel reserves the right to not assess applications that do not include specified supporting material correctly formatted as outlined above.

Period of Internship

Internships are to be offered for a period of 10 weeks. Internships will generally involve a commitment to a five-day working week (Monday – Friday).

The internship is subject to agreement between successful applicants and Art Centre management.

Intern Duties

Working closely with the Art Centre Manager, interns will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience working with artists and day-to-day arts centre operations. Interns will be engaged in all activities under the direction and supervision of the Arts Centre Manager and staff.

Transport

Interns will be provided with return economy air travel from Sydney to Alice Springs and appropriate road transport from Alice Springs to the Arts Centre, at the commencement and conclusion of the internship.

Accommodation

Interns will be provided with suitable accommodation in or close to the Art Centre for the duration of the internship.

Stipend

Interns will receive a reasonable stipend to cover daily living expenses including meals and other incidentals costs, similar in value to the current stipend of indigenous community volunteers.

Insurance

Interns will be provided with insurance coverage that will compensate an intern for any injury or that is a result of his or her participation in the activities of the internship.



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Recipients must:

- Take part in a panel discussion to advertise the residency to students and alumni in 2026, where they may be asked to speak for approximately 10-15 minutes about their residency, to a PowerPoint presentation.
- Provide high-resolution photographs and a quote of approximately 200 words that can be used by NAS for promotional purposes and in publications including the Annual Report and Yearbook.

Closing date for applications

The deadline for receipt of applications is **Sunday 16 November 2025**.

Students who wish to apply must complete the online application form, together with all additional documentation required.

Please email scholarships@nas.edu.au, for any inquiries regarding the application process.



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