

Individual Artists Fellowship

Unrestricted
Support for
Unstoppable
Artists



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What Is the Individual Artists Fellowship

- **Statewide California Arts Council (CAC) initiative**
- **Administered Locally by City of San Diego**
- **Supports excellence, leadership, social impact**
- **All artist disciplines welcome**

What the Fellowship Offers

Selected participants receive:

- **Unrestricted funding**
- **Professional development**
- **Networking & peer community**
- **Storytelling & public programming**
- **Artist-centered support across 21 months**

Region 8: Far South

San Diego County



+

Imperial County

9,008 square miles

3.48 million residents

The Individual Artists Fellowship for Region 8 (IAF) is a bi-county initiative designed to support the arts workforce of San Diego and Imperial Counties

Purpose of IAF

The Individual Artists Fellowship (IAF) program uplifts and celebrates California artists across all disciplines and traditions, highlights their excellence and acknowledges their leadership in shaping traditional and contemporary cultures.

Excellence =

- Unique artistic vision
- Sustained commitment
- Cultural impact & engagement

Fellowship Career Tiers

IAF awards unrestricted funding according to three distinct tiers as determined by the California Arts Council

Emerging Artist
\$5,000

Established Artist
\$10,000

Legacy Artist
\$50,000

Emerging Fellows \$5,000

- **Early in public practice**
- **A few showings or engagements**
- **No ongoing support yet**

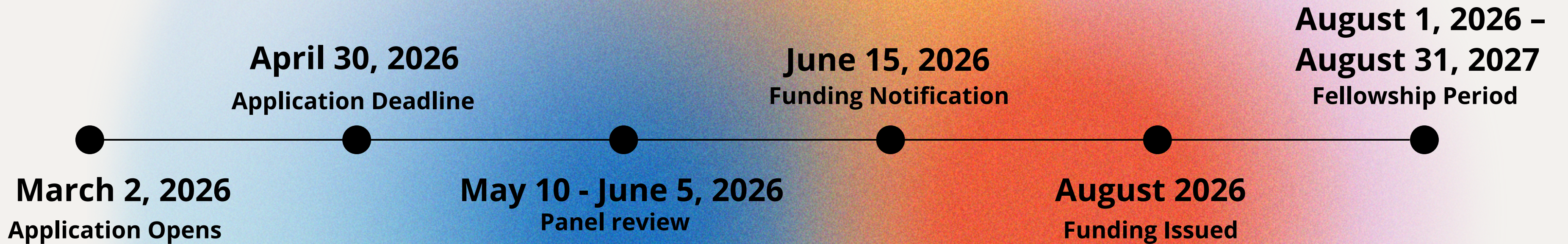
**Established
Fellows
\$10,000**

- **Regular public engagement**
- **Multiple examples of impact**
- **Developed artistic voice**

**Legacy
Fellows
\$50,000**

- **Longstanding body of work**
- **Significant community impact**
- **History of mentorship/influence**

Timeline



Additional Program Activities

**In collaboration with local creative advisors,
we will present a series of capacity building
opportunities**

- Professional development**
- Networking**
- Coaching**
- Resource sharing**
- Storytelling & public events**

Dates announced after selection

Application Requirements & Process

Eligibility Requirements

18+ years old

CA resident for 2 consecutive years

Current resident of SD or Imperial County

**Individual artist
(not organizations or groups)**

Required Documentation

Age verification

**Proof of CA residency
(2 years)**

**Proof of Region 8 residency
(current)**

Resume/CV

Work samples (5–10)

Annotated sample list

Work Samples

Submit:

- **5–10 images/docs/videos**
- **Videos: max 3 minutes**
- **Images .jpg/.png (3MB max)**
- **PDFs max 3 pages**

No external links

- **Choose materials that best showcase your artistic practice, accomplishments, or community impact!**
- **Avoid submitting materials that are purely promotional**

Application Process

Create Fluxx Account

Go to
<https://sandiegoarts.fluxx.io/>

Register under
Individual Artist
Fellowship

Fill out Application

Fill out Section 1-5
of the application

Upload Required Materials

Upload all required
attachments in
section 4 of the
application

Submit by April 30

Submit your
application by **April 30,
2026, at 11:59 p.m. PST**

Incomplete
applications will not
be reviewed.

Application Sections

1. **Applicant Info** - Personal information
2. **Artistic Practice** - Share your artistic discipline
3. **Program Alignment** - How you connect to IAF
4. **Attachments & Work Samples** - documentation
5. **Optional Demographics** - Data collected to support internal program evaluation

Panel Process

Review Criteria:

Creative Vision | Aesthetic Excellence | Social Impact & Engagement

1

City staff reviews applications for completeness and confirms eligibility

2

Panels consisting of artists + cultural workers from Region 8 review and score applications

3

Panelists, supervised by staff, meet to select fellows and funding distribution

Technical Assistance

- **In-person info sessions**
- **Virtual office hours**
- **Email support**
- **Translation & accommodations available**
- **Weekend availability on request**

Tips for a Strong Application

- **Start early**
- **Be clear about your artistic practice**
- **Show how your work connects with Region 8 communities**
- **Answer questions directly and thoughtfully**
- **Be specific**
- **Choose the right tier**
- **Select work samples that showcase who you are as an artist**
- **Use your authentic voice**
- **Be honest**



Thank you!

**Questions?
Reach out to ojones@sandiego.gov**