



Cultural Leaders Legacy Arts Awards 2026

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ROZSA FOUNDATION EMERGING ARTS MANAGER AWARD

Deadline: March 10, 2026, 4:30pm MT

Rozsa Foundation Emerging Arts Manager Award

The **Rozsa Foundation Emerging Arts Manager Award** is a \$5,000 cash award that recognizes and encourages emerging professional arts managers who are dedicating their careers to supporting and advancing the work of Calgary's artists, arts collectives and arts organizations. In addition to the cash award, the recipient receives no-cost entry into the Rozsa Foundation of Arts Leadership training program.

This award honours an emerging arts manager in the early stages of their career whose creativity, dedication and innovation have elevated the work of the artists or organizations they support. It recognizes both accomplishments to date and potential for future impact, acknowledging that effective arts management requires creativity equal to that of the artistic work it enables.

The Rozsa Foundation recognizes that management responsibilities exist at many levels. Nominees do not need to hold a role with the formal title of "manager" to be eligible.

The award will be presented to the recipient at the Mayor's Celebration for the Arts on May 4, 2026. This award was established by the Rozsa Foundation and Calgary 2012 and is a legacy project of Calgary's year as a Cultural Capital of Canada.

Award Rules & Criteria

Eligibility

Nominees for the **Rozsa Foundation Emerging Arts Administrator Award** must meet all the following criteria:

- Be a Calgary resident and working in Calgary since the beginning of the nomination year (2026).
- Be currently working full-time or part-time, employed or contracted by at least one artist, arts collective or arts organization in Calgary.
- Be in the early stages of their career, generally defined as up to eight years of professional experience in arts administration or management.

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- Nominees and nominators must not have a formal association (e.g., board member, employee or paid contractor) with the Rozsa Foundation or Calgary Arts Development.

Nominations

Nomination packages must include the following:

- One (1) Nomination Declaration Form, signed by both the nominator and nominee (available on the award webpage).
- One (1) 30-word synopsis explaining why the nominee has been nominated (may be used for publication or media purposes).
- One (1) letter of nomination (maximum 1,000 words) written by a peer or colleague within the nominee's field.
- One (1) copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae (CV).
- One to five (1–5) examples demonstrating the nominee's work and relevance to the award. Please note the example(s) must be submitted in PDF format, and each file can be a maximum of 3MB.

Complete nomination packages must be submitted through the **online platform** by the deadline.

Incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted.

Jury

The award jury will include arts management peers, members of the Rozsa Foundation staff or board, and other Calgary-based arts community members. Jury members are not disclosed in advance and operate under strict confidentiality. In the event of a conflict of interest, an alternate juror will be appointed. All decisions are final, and eligibility may be screened by Calgary Arts Development.

Selection Criteria

The award recipient will be selected based on the following criteria:

Impact on the Industry (Maximum 8 points)

- Demonstrated measurable impact on the artists, collectives, or organizations they support.
- Creation of new opportunities or innovative practices.

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- Ability to build productive internal and external partnerships.
- Broader positive impact on Calgary's arts community.
- Advancement of equity in the arts.
- Positioning themselves and their organization(s) for future success.

Peer Recognition (Maximum 6 points)

- Appropriateness of the nominee for the award relative to their career stage.
- Recognition by peers or colleagues as an outstanding and innovative emerging arts manager.

Dedication to the Field (Maximum 6 points)

- Demonstrated commitment to serving the arts sector beyond their primary role.
- Ongoing professional growth and skills development.
- The extent to which the award would meaningfully advance the nominee's career.

Notification

All nominators will receive acknowledgment of receipt by email and will be notified of whether their applications were successful. The nominator and nominee are required to keep the status of their nomination confidential until the official announcement of awards recipients by Calgary Arts Development, and to accommodate the filming of a recipient video.

Deadlines & Delivery

The deadline for uploading completed nomination packages is 4:30pm on March 10, 2026.

Complete applications must be submitted through our [online platform](#) on or before the deadline. Incomplete or late nominations will not be accepted or considered.

If you have nominated someone and did not receive acknowledgement of receipt or notification, please contact awards@calgaryartsdevelopment.com.

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Before submitting your nomination package, ensure that you have prepared:

- One (1) copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae (CV).
- One (1) copy of a 30-word synopsis of why the nominee has been nominated.
- Up to five (5) examples demonstrating the work of the nominee and their suitability for this award. As few as one example is acceptable.
- One (1) copy of a letter of nomination (1,000 words or less) signed by the nominator.
- One (1) copy of the Nomination Declaration form, signed by both the nominee and nominator.

For more information about the **Rozsa Foundation Emerging Arts Manager Award**, please email awards@calgaryartsdevelopment.com.

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