

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION PACKAGE

### About Craft + Design Canberra Associate Membership (Am)

Contemporary craft and design in Canberra is diverse and vibrant. The number of successful craft and design practitioners that have an international and national reputation demonstrates the extraordinary strength of our local sector.

To accommodate the needs of a growing and committed local community of professional craft practitioners and designers, Craft + Design Canberra offers a unique membership package under its Associate Membership tier. This program promotes high level, professional craft and design. This category of membership recognises emerging and established designer/makers alike, who demonstrate a high standard of artistic and technical skill. Associate Members are provided with opportunities to further develop their practices, with a view to progress towards Accredited Professional Membership at Craft + Design Canberra.

Through joining this strong community of professionals across a diverse range of fields, you are contributing to Canberra's national reputation for contemporary craft and design in Australia. Within an intergenerational community with a pool of knowledge extending back to the 1970's, each new member builds upon this history to create a strong arts future.

### ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Applications can be submitted throughout the year and are assessed by Craft + Design Canberra. Applications will be assessed against the criteria set out below and will be awarded upon satisfying these requirements. It is advised applicants read through the AM information package, member benefits and insurance information documents available on the membership page of our website and if necessary to contact Craft + Design Canberra at [membership@craftact.org.au](mailto:membership@craftact.org.au) before submitting an application.

### Eligibility

- Individuals whose work demonstrates a consistent, high level of artistic and technical standard are eligible to apply for Associate Membership.
- Applicants should have a professional approach to their work and to the business of developing and maintaining a professional career.
- It is not a requirement for applicants to have undertaken formal studies.
- Professional craft practitioners and designers seeking insurance to support their professional practices.

## Documents and Images required for your application

### Current curriculum vitae

- Demonstrating your ongoing professional activities in your specialised field.

### Artist's statement of professional practice

- 1 A4 page statement including your reason for applying for Craft ACT Associate Membership, a brief overview of your practice and its context and relevant activities

### Professional Images

- high quality, professional images of publication quality.
- Image list stating the title, year, medium, dimensions of each work and the photographer.

### Assessment Criteria

- *Artistic Merit* - the primary criterion is a demonstrated high level of artistic merit.
- *Technical Skill* - applicants must demonstrate a high standard of technical skill.
- *Professional Standing* - applicants must submit a CV demonstrating their commitment to ongoing professional activities in their specialised field.

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#### **Craft + Design Canberra**

Gallery hours: Wednesday - Saturday – 12pm – 4pm

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm

**ABN: 33 314 092 587**

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