

The Ropes Application Information

About Pari

Pari pays respect to the Burramattagal people of the Darug nation as the custodians of the land on which we are based. We acknowledge that sovereignty has not been ceded and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

Pari is a collective-led space for art and community in Burrumatta/Parramatta. We are for art that tells stories that need to be told, sheds new light on old thinking, or tackles new ideas altogether. For more about Pari, visit our website [here](#).

About The Ropes

The Ropes is a new program developed by Pari that champions your professional development and creative well-being. We want to connect you with other artists, guide you in giving and receiving feedback on work in progress, and support your next steps as a creative practitioner.

Across five weekly online sessions, a diverse group of community leaders and industry professionals will give talks and guide discussions to show you the ropes of being an artist. Fifteen artists, selected from a public call for EOIs, will come together online to discuss key topics, share ideas, and build relationships in ways we believe are vital to contextual awareness, professional growth and personal wellbeing.

Each week, there will be around an hour of listening and participating in a workshop, and an hour of time in smaller groups, sharing and discussing your work with guidance from Pari co-directors and invited guests.

Discussion and workshops will focus around a different topic each week:

Week 1 Working on Country, ethics and values

We'll explore the cultural and ethical frameworks that inform creative decision-making and ideas, and help you to develop your own.

Week 2 Thinking and writing about your work

We'll work on critiquing, describing, and thinking about creative processes and artworks.

Week 3 Opportunities and relationships

On building professional relationships within artistic communities, and how to find and go for different kinds of opportunities.

Week 4 Project and time management

Develop your art/life balance and explore ways to approach the business end of being an artist.

Week 5 Self care and reflection

Basically, how we try to take care of ourselves and one another, as people making creative work in an expensive city under late capitalism.

From within Pari, you'll work with Rebecca Gallo and Samuel Kirby (program co-facilitators), Joel Spring and Tian Zhang (Week 1), Hareen Johl (Week 4) and Hayley Coghlan (Week 5). We're working on a really exciting lineup of external facilitators, to be announced soon.

Dates

- [Applications](#) are due by 11.59pm AEDT Monday 28 November 2021.
- We'll let you know if you've been selected by mid December 2021.
- The Ropes will take place online on Tuesday evenings 6–8pm from 18 Jan–15 Feb 2022. If selected, you will need to be available to attend each session.

Who is The Ropes for?

The Ropes is for artists who are just starting out, and want to develop their practice in a range of different ways; who want to develop critical thinking capacities and apply these to their life and work; who are interested in thinking holistically and deeply about things.

- Maybe you just graduated from art school, maybe you never studied.
- You might just be getting comfortable with calling yourself an artist, or still working on that.
- You probably work other jobs (we all do!) but are trying to carve out more time for your practice.
- You might have been in a few exhibitions, or are still working up to that point.
- You want to connect with other artists and get some perspective on your work.
- You're open to respectful critique and discussion of yours and others' work - and to figuring out, together, what that looks and sounds like.

If this sounds like you, and you live in Greater Western Sydney, we'd love to hear from you. Greater Western Sydney is the following LGAs: Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Hills Shire, Liverpool, Parramatta, Penrith and Wollondilly. This includes parts of unceded Darug, Dharawal, Darkinjung and Gundungurra Country.

We have space for 15 participants, and each participant will be paid \$500 to enable and acknowledge their time and contribution. We would like to prioritise applicants who are underrepresented in the field, including First Nations, people of colour, disabled, trans, non-binary and/or gender diverse.

Access info

We will take a 5 min break halfway through each 2-hr session, and participants are welcome to take time as required during sessions to tap out, take a breath, a toilet break, etc. Other access needs can be discussed and organised on request, eg Auslan interpretation,

captioning, audio descriptions. There is space to start this conversation in the [application form](#).

If selected, you'll need

- A stable internet connection, and access to a computer with camera and microphone
- To take part in group discussion, including giving/receiving constructive criticism (with guidance and facilitation from the Pari team and guests)
- Some artwork in progress to share with the group
- To be 18 years or older by the end of 2021
- To live in Greater Western Sydney (in the following LGAs: Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Hills Shire, Liverpool, Parramatta, Penrith and Wollondilly)

How do I apply?

Apply online [here](#) by midnight, Monday 28 November 2021.

You will be able to see all the questions in the form before you begin. You will be asked to provide short answers to a few questions about your practice and your goals, and to share your work with us. This can be through a link to a website or social media handle, or by uploading a PDF of 5 images of your work (or work-in-progress). You will also be asked to upload a PDF of your CV, which should include any relevant study, exhibitions or other experience relating to your art practice. Don't worry if it's not a long list - we're looking to work with artists who are just starting out! Your intentions and what you want to do are more important than what you've already done.

If you have any questions, please drop us a line at hello@pariari.org. We look forward to meeting you:)

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