

PAVILION PULSE

Pavilion Pulse Award

Funding Available Per Award: Up to a Maximum of €5,000

Deadline: Friday 15 August 2025, 5pm

About Pavilion Pulse Award

Pavilion Pulse Award supports artists across Ireland with paid time to create and develop ambitious projects. Artists working in theatre, dance, music, opera, literature and podcasting can apply for up to €5,000 to support the development of new work. This award is to help bring daring ideas to life and champion work that has its finger on the pulse of today. Whether you want to get your project rehearsal-ready, dive deeper into development or spark something entirely new, we're looking for visionary, urgent projects that need to be developed now. We want to support artists who are taking risks and responding boldly to the world around them.

Some examples of what this funding could support:

- Research and development of an idea
- Writing or redrafting a script
- A workshop reading
- Rehearsing and presenting a work-in-progress
- Meeting, devising and/or collaborating with other artists to further develop your project e.g. directors, designers, composers, actors, dancers, dramaturgs, mentors, etc.

Please note:

- Pavilion Pulse Award is intended solely for development purposes. It may be used to cover artist and collaborator fees, access space and provide additional supports to help remove barriers (for example childcare, carer or access costs)
- Pavilion Theatre cannot provide space for you to work. Where applicable you should include in your budget the cost to access suitable space
- The award cannot be used to purchase or rent equipment
- Only one application per lead applicant will be accepted
- Written confirmation of commitment from named collaborators is required

Who Can Apply

We welcome applications from artists:

- Working in theatre, dance, music, opera, literature and podcasting, as individuals or as a company/collective
- Based on the island of Ireland
- Working in English or Irish. For the purposes of assessment, the application form must be completed in English

We encourage applications from artists of all identities, including those balancing caregiving responsibilities.

Key Dates

- **Application Deadline:** Friday 15 August 2025, 5pm
- **Outcome:** Applicants will be informed of the outcome by Friday 29 August 2025
- **Award Work Dates:** The development period must begin before the end of 2025 and may last a maximum of four weeks

How to Apply

- [Complete the application form here](#)
- If you prefer a video or audio application, please record answers to the application questions in a file or link no longer than 10 minutes long. [You can find the questions here](#). Email your answers before the deadline with PDF letters or emails of confirmation of commitment from your named collaborators to the Creative Administrator ping@paviliontheatre.ie with the subject "Pavilion Pulse Award 2025"

Further Details

No correspondence can be entered into during the process of application or selection.

This will be our only Pavilion Pulse Award callout for 2025.

Applications will be assessed based on:

- Eligibility (application form is complete and submitted on time)
- Artistic merit
- Clarity of the project idea
- Track record of those involved
- Potential for the project to reach production
- Alignment with Pavilion Theatre's vision ([Pavilion Theatre Strategy 2025-2028](#))

Funding is subject to:

- A signed memorandum of understanding with Pavilion Theatre
- Regular updates
- Acknowledgment of Pavilion Theatre's support in all relevant materials
- Submission of a testimonial

Frequently Asked Questions

Must the project be intended for live performance or can it be digital/literary-only?

The project must intend to culminate in a live performance, demonstration or event.

Can I apply if I haven't yet secured all my collaborators?

Yes, but you must have written confirmation from any named collaborators confirming their involvement at the time of application. If you plan to bring other collaborators on later, please include details in the application budget.

Can my project include collaborators based outside of Ireland?

Only artists based in Ireland are eligible for Pavilion Pulse Award funding. If a project involves collaborators based outside of Ireland, these individuals' contributions may not be accounted for in the application budget.

How much funding in total is available for Pavilion Pulse Award?

The total funding available for the Pavilion Pulse Award is €70,000. Each award can receive up to €5,000.

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