

## UK-CHINA CONNECTIONS THROUGH CULTURE GRANTS

### Notes for Applicants

Connections through Culture was established to provide small grants to assist –

- UK arts organisations or individual artists embarking on projects with Chinese arts partners
- Chinese arts organisations or individual artists embarking on projects with UK arts partners

Funding is provided in order to further face-to-face discussions needed to develop projects beyond initial expressions of interest.

### What is the value of each grant?

£2,500

### Who is eligible to apply?

Any individual artist or non-profit arts organisation which is in the process of developing an arts project with a counterpart arts organisation which may result in an exhibition, performance or public event. We expect discussions with the partner to have moved beyond preliminary expressions of interest and the initial research stage.

### Who is *not* eligible

- Connections through Culture aims to develop institutional links and therefore individual artists can only apply if they are seeking to work directly with an institution.
- Funding bodies and for-profit companies are ineligible
- Connections through Culture does not support academic links.
- For Chinese applicants, individuals based (living) outside of mainland China are ineligible.
- For UK applicants, individuals based (living) outside of the United Kingdom are ineligible, unless temporarily living outside of the United Kingdom but retaining a home address in the United Kingdom and defined by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs as 'resident in the UK' for tax – see [here](#)

### What is the grant for?

The grant will enable either an individual or one member of staff from your arts organisation to visit counterparts in China or the UK for one or more of the following reasons:

- Face-to-face project development with an arts organisation(s), e.g. contractual negotiations
- Seeing and evaluating the work of partner arts organisation(s)
- Developing staff skills needed to realise a project through shadowing counterparts in partner arts organisation(s)

Please note - applicants will need to make their own travel, visa and insurance arrangements.

### **What is it *not* for?**

- The grant is for project development. The grant cannot be used for overheads cost, general running costs, professional fees or production costs - such as the purchase or hire of materials, equipment, venues, goods and/or services.

### **Can my arts organisation apply for more than one grant?**

Each applicant can only receive a Professional Development Grant once. If successful, they are then eligible to apply for an Alumni Grant for further project development. Each applicant can only receive an Alumni Grant once.

### **What other support can I expect?**

British Council staff in mainland China can provide some language and logistics support in-country, subject to early notification and availability.

### **How will my application be assessed?**

Applications for development grants will be evaluated by the Connections through Culture committee, drawing on input from your Chinese or UK partner arts organisation(s) where appropriate.

Criteria for assessment:

- Evidence of a resulting exhibition, performance or public event
- Evidence of developed project discussions
- Evidence of sound partner
- Long-term sustainability of relationship
- Usefulness of the grant to further development of project
- Feasibility of final project including likely long-term impact on the organisations involved

**Priority** will be given to:

- New partnerships
- Artists or arts organisations that have not previously received a development grant
- New projects which have not previously benefited from a development grant
- Arts organisations or artists who have taken part in a recent Connections through Culture study-tour or networking event in China

Please note that successful applicants will be required to share feedback on their visit.

### **How to apply?**

Complete the online application form [here](#) and upload your CV and a letter of support from a confirmed host arts organisation or artist.