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State Library announces new \$30,000 Fellowship for Aboriginal creatives in NSW

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The State Library of NSW is inviting Aboriginal artists, knowledge holders or creative practitioners to apply now for its new \$30,000 Aboriginal Creative Fellowship.

In partnership with Create NSW, the Aboriginal Creative Fellowship is part of a series of creative programs recently announced by the NSW Government.

According to Damien Webb, the State Library's Manager of Indigenous Engagement: "This fellowship offers a First Nation artist a unique opportunity to research and engage with the Library's collections to create their art, whether it be visual, multi-media, dance or soundscape."

"The Library's rich and complex collections encompass materials reflecting the earliest interpretation of the history, language, art and culture of Aboriginal people, though mostly written from a European perspective. It is vital that First Nations voices and stories continue to challenge and inform our collections, and this fellowship is part of the Library's commitment to empowering and celebrating these histories and perspectives."

The Fellowship aims to support an artist working in the NSW Aboriginal and First Nations context that can make an outstanding contribution to the artistic and historical landscape.

State Librarian John Vallance said: "The Library has benefitted greatly in recent years from having First Nation artists work with its collections, and in return we are delighted to have the chance to support them. I'm looking forward to seeing where this exciting new opportunity leads. We are urging all eligible people to apply for this new Fellowship. "

Applications for the Fellowship close at 5 pm AEDST on Monday 1 March 2021.

Visit the Create NSW website at www.create.nsw.gov.au for more information, including full guidelines for each Fellowship, and to apply.

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