

Expressions of Interest – Disability Action and Inclusion Plan Artwork Commission

We are committed to providing an accessible application and commissioning process. Reasonable adjustments can be made at any stage, including application, selection, consultation and artwork delivery.

Applicants are welcome to discuss access requirements with the EDI team.

Purpose of the artwork:

Murdoch University is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from artists with a lived experience of disability, neurodiversity, and/or chronic illness to create a commissioned artwork for our next Disability Action and Inclusion Plan (DAIP).

The commissioned artwork will feature on the cover of the DAIP and may also be used across a range of digital, print and promotional materials associated with the DAIP.

We are seeking an artwork that reflects our values, our ongoing commitment to improving accessibility, and celebrates the diversity, strengths and experiences of our community.

More information about the EDI team and our mission can be found on [our website](#), and in the [EDI Sub-Strategy 2023-2030](#).

Eligibility:

- Individual artists with a lived experience of disability, neurodiversity, and/or chronic illness, living in WA. You do not require, and we will not request, proof of diagnosis in any form.
- We encourage submissions from artists with a connection to our Murdoch University community, such as current or past students, alumni, staff, and regular campus visitors.

The commissioned artist must be comfortable with their name and a short written statement about the artwork being displayed on our website and within printed materials and reports.

Commission fee:

The selected artist will receive a commission fee of \$2,500 (inclusive/exclusive of GST, as applicable). This fee covers concept development, revisions, creation of the artwork, and supply of final digital files.

EOI requirements:

- Short artist biography and contact details.
- Artistic statement explaining the inspiration behind the artwork and how it reflects your personal connection to the themes (up to 500 words).
- Two to three examples of previous artwork, or a portfolio link.
- A detailed description of the proposed artwork, the medium that will be used, and how it connects to the themes of disability, accessibility, and inclusion. A draft can be provided but is not required.
- Ability to meet the timeframe (artwork to be completed by mid-November 2026).

Our team can support applicants in providing this information if required.

Selection criteria:

EOIs will be assessed based on:

- Demonstrated artistic quality and creativity.
- Alignment of the proposed concept with the values and objectives of the Disability Action and Inclusion Plan.
- Lived experience perspective and insight into accessibility and inclusion.
- Feasibility of delivering the artwork within the project timeframe.
- Suitability for use across DAIP communications, including the DAIP cover.

Submitting your EOI:

Please submit your EOI via the form at the link below.

We welcome submissions in a range of formats. Information via the form may be provided in writing, audio, video, or visual form. If you require support or an alternative submission method, please contact us at edi@murdoch.edu.au and our team will assist.

Concepts submitted as part of the EOI process remain the intellectual property of the artist and will not be used, reproduced or adapted unless that artist is selected for the commission.

Artist support:

The successful artist will work collaboratively with the EDI team throughout the project. Support may include background information on the Disability Action and Inclusion Plan, opportunities for consultation, and assistance with accessibility requirements related to the commission.

Artwork requirements:

We are open to both physical and digital mediums. However, the final delivery must include:

- One high-resolution digital artwork
 - 300dpi, suitable for print up to 1200mm wide
 - Can be a fully digital piece or a high-quality digital scan of a physical artwork

Copyright and use of artwork:

All intellectual property rights will remain with the artist. The commissioned artist grants Murdoch University a non-transferrable, non-exclusive, royalty-free and fee-free licence to reproduce, publish, display and use the artwork.

The artist will be acknowledged wherever reasonably practicable.

Project timeline:

- EOIs must be submitted by Friday, 28 August 2026.
- All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission by Thursday, 03 September 2026.
- The successful artist may be asked to incorporate reasonable feedback following concept approval. Any requested revisions will focus on alignment with the Disability Action and Inclusion Plan and Murdoch University values and will be discussed collaboratively with the artist.
- The successful artist will supply the final artwork including the digital files by Wednesday, 11 November 2026.
- A limited run of art prints may be produced as part of the project. The artist will be invited to sign the prints and will receive the first edition print as a gift of thanks.

A final, more detailed timeline will be provided to the successful artist.

How to apply:

Please submit your EOI via the online form linked below.

[Expression of Interest: Murdoch University DAIP Artwork](#)

EOIs close **Friday, 28 August 2026**.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission by **Thursday, 3 September 2026**.

To learn more about the commission, including the full project timeline and artwork brief, please read the full EOI documentation.

For questions about the opportunity, please contact edi@murdoch.edu.au.