

Information for Catalyst Applicants 2020



The North Wall

The North Wall is an Arts Centre in Oxford that supports early-career artists across a range of disciplines. Based on the campus of St Edward's School this award-winning facility was completed in 2006, and offers a fully flexible 200-seat theatre, a public art gallery and studios for dance and drama. The exciting programme of events at The North Wall places emphasis on new and innovative work.

The North Wall exists to provide opportunities for artists, young people and the general public to make and experience art of the highest quality. We aim to promote the notion of art as a tool for living; timely, relevant and socially engaged.

What is Catalyst?

Catalyst is one of the residential projects that we run as part of our ArtsLab programme. Catalyst is central to our commitment to new writing, offering **talented young writers and directors** two weeks of immersive creativity and the chance to focus solely on honing their craft. The North Wall provides shared accommodation and all meals for the duration of the project. Successful applicants will work with a team of professional actors, and highly experienced writing and directing mentors in a safe and supportive space, to develop and showcase new scripts as part of Alchymy Festival.

What is Alchymy?

Alchymy Festival is the North Wall's annual celebration of new theatre made by early-career artists. From 3rd – 5th April 2020, the North Wall building will burst into life with performances of brand new shows developed by ArtsLab graduates, readings of work from some of the UK's most exciting emerging writing talent, and panel discussions and workshops with leading theatre-makers and critics.

Important Dates

Application Deadline: **3rd January 2020**

Longlist: **3rd February 2020**

Shortlist Publically Announced: **17th February 2020**

Director Interviews: **18th/19th February 2020**

Playwright Interviews: **20th/21st February 2020**

(Please note that all interviews will take place via Skype and you will not be required to travel to Oxford)

Catalyst Residency: **Monday 23rd March – Friday 3rd April 2020**

Alchymy Festival: **Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th April 2020**

Eligibility

You must be aged 18 – 25.

Please don't apply if you have already taken part in Catalyst.

You must be ordinarily resident in the UK at time of applying and up to and including the project dates.

How can I apply?

Please download and complete an application form from <https://www.thenorthwall.com/artslab-projects/catalyst-2020/> email it to Abie at waltona@thenorthwall.com

Please note that you will need to insert a CV into this application form.

Formatting

Applications should be submitted in Microsoft Word or PDF formats only. Please insert your CV into your application form so that you are only sending one document.

Info for Playwrights

You can submit up to two script extracts of 10 pages per extract. Please note that if you send more than ten pages, only the first ten pages will be read; so please keep within the guidelines.

You may include a short synopsis to support each extract; think about how you can communicate the world of the play and what the reader might need to know.

Feedback

We will contact all applicants to let them know the outcome of their application. Unfortunately, due to the volume of applications we receive we are unable to offer feedback on unsuccessful applications.