



## Chrystal Dance Prize – *Projects* Guidelines

### ABOUT

The **Chrystal Dance Prize - *Projects*** supports exceptional dance research and/or creation between a Western Canadian dance artist, artists, collectives or companies and an international dance artist or artists (interpreter or choreographer).

The prize is open to any dance artist, collective or dance company that:

- Is currently active in the professional dance milieu
- Has worked with a range of dance artists and/or dance companies and has a history of dance creation
- Headquartered and/or working (primarily) in western Canada (MB, SK, AB, BC, YT)
- Is making application as an independent dance artist or as a member of a small collective or an established dance company

In 2020, Dance Victoria will allocate a total of \$30,000 to the **Chrystal Dance Prize – *Projects*** program. The Prize money may be disbursed across multiple projects or could be awarded to one project. The Chrystal Dance Prize can include a two-week residency at Dance Victoria Studios. Victoria accommodation, studio rental and (if required) technician, will be supported from the total prize money. The remainder of the Prize will be provided to the artist to support artist fees and other costs.

The Chrystal Dance Prize panel will also consider projects that have a longer timeline (2 or 3 year development process) through the allocation of a multi-year award. Please indicate if you expect your project to be spread across more than one year. If a multi-year award is approved, the panel will require that the proponent provide a brief report at the end of the first year and a revised (if necessary) timeline and goals for the second and/or third year. The proponent will not be required to “re-propose” unless its original proposal has changed significantly.

### PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The Chrystal Dance Prize – *Projects* proposal is a two-step process.

#### STEP ONE

Proponents for the 2020 Chrystal Dance Prize - *Projects* must submit (by email) a one page Letter of Interest no later than 5:00 pm, Tuesday, October 15, 2019. The letter will include the following:

- Title of Project or Research Project
- Artists involved (highlighting the international artist(s) and their country of origin)



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- Brief description of project
- Estimated total budget
- Amount requested from Chrystal Dance Prize
- Brief timeline including your current position in the process (e.g. at the beginning, completed a residency, have about 10 minutes of material, etc.)
- Other support (could include grants, residency commitments, presentation commitments)
- A brief final statement as to why you feel your project is exceptional and should be supported

In addition to the letter, please include a letter/email from the international artist(s) involved in your project/research confirming their commitment.

Attach a PDF of both letters and submit to [ChrystalDancePrize@DanceVictoria.com](mailto:ChrystalDancePrize@DanceVictoria.com) **no later than 5:00 pm, Tuesday October 15, 2019.**

PLEASE NOTE: Receiving a Chrystal Dance Prize in the past does not disqualify you from being awarded another prize. In fact, you can be awarded a second prize for the same proposal.

## PROCESS

A panel of no less than three dance professionals will consider all applications.

In making its choice, the panel will consider:

- The overall presentation of the proposal.
- Is the project exceptional?
- The quality of the artists involved.
- The potential for a presentation by Dance Victoria at a later date.

The panel will develop a short list from the initial submissions and will ask short listed artists to provide additional information (STEP TWO) before making a final decision.

PLEASE NOTE: The panel may elect not to award a prize in a given year if the projects submitted are not considered exceptional or ready for support. If the panel does not support any projects in a given year, the Chrystal Dance Prize funds will be re-invested for allocation in future years.

**Applications must be emailed to [ChrystalDancePrize@dancevictoria.com](mailto:ChrystalDancePrize@dancevictoria.com) and must be received by Dance Victoria no later than 5:00 pm, Tuesday, October 15, 2019.**

Questions? Contact Dance Victoria Executive Producer, Stephen White at 250-595-1829 or [producer@dancevictoria.com](mailto:producer@dancevictoria.com).