Music Makers Mentorship Program 2021  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) - Mentees

**What will I get out of this program?**

Personalised mentorship from an industry peer, who will help you develop your work in the music industry.

**Who is eligible to apply?**

You must:

* have experience working within the music industry;
* identify as Deaf or disabled;
* be over 18 years of age;
* live in Victoria; and
* want to receive mentorship for your career in music.

Please note, people beginning their career in music (i.e. no demonstrated history) will not be eligible to apply.

**Do I have to be a musician?**

No. The program is open to all types of individual music workers. Mentees may be creatives (e.g. songwriter), technical (e.g. engineer) or business (e.g. manager) workers within the Australian music industry.

**When will the program take place?**

The mentorship program begins January 2021, and closes end of April 2021. The sessions will take place at a time that suits you and your mentor within this period. For example, you may choose to run the sessions over two weeks, or space them out over a few months.

**How many mentor sessions are there?**

Up to 12, 3-hour sessions of mentorship will be funded.

**Where will the mentorship take place?**

The mentorship must take place in Victoria, either online or in person.

**Will I get a say in who mentors me?**

Yes. Together we will choose a mentor to work with you from those available.

**What does mentorship involve?**

Mentorship is a partnership between two people. It involves:

* having someone with industry experience listen to your needs;
* receiving career advice and guidance; and
* having someone support you in your work.

**What if I already have a person(s) in mind to be my mentor?**

If you know someone who would like to be a mentor, please ask them to complete the [mentor expression of interest form](https://www.artsaccess.com.au/music-makers-mentorship-program-2021/).

**Will my mentor be Deaf or Disabled?**

Your mentor may or may not be Deaf or disabled. We encourage Deaf and disabled music workers to apply for the mentorship positions, however, it is not a requirement for all mentors to identify as Deaf or disabled.

**What if I don’t get along with my mentor?**

We understand people don’t always get along. The program coordinator and support workers will do their best to support you and the mentor, however, if the relationship is no-longer suitable, a new mentor will be found for you.

**What if there are access costs?**

Access funding for the program will be supported by Arts Access Victoria. At the start of the program we will ask for your access needs and work to support you.

**Do I have to be NDIS registered?**

No. This program is open to all individuals who identify as Deaf or disabled. The term ‘Deaf and Disabled people’ includes anyone with a lived experience of disability. This could be:

* Visible or invisible;
* Sensory or physical;
* Neurodiverse;
* Cognitive;
* Intellectual or developmental; and
* Mental health or illness.

**Do I have to work in a certain type of music?**

No, this program is open to music workers of all genres.

**Can a business apply to be mentored?**

No, this program is only open to individual musicians and music workers.

**Can I apply to be both a mentor and a mentee?**

Yes. You may apply for both the mentor and mentee roles; but, you cannot perform both in the same program. If you are successful for one role (e.g. mentor), you will not be able to take part as the other.

**When can I apply?**

Applications open on Friday 18 December 2020 and close on Monday 18 January at 5 pm.

**How can I apply?**

Download the application from the [AAV website](https://www.artsaccess.com.au/music-makers-mentorship-program-2021/), and email it to Siobhan at [smcginnity@artsaccess.com.au](mailto:smcginnity@artsaccess.com.au). We can also post you the form if requested.

**Can I submit my application in other formats?**

Yes. Contact Siobhan at [smcginnity@artsaccess.com.au](mailto:smcginnity@artsaccess.com.au) or on 9699 8299 (voice only) if you would prefer to submit a video, audio or Auslan application.

**When will I know if I’m selected?**

We will notify you of the outcome by the end of January, 2021.

**Who is AAV?**

Established in 1974, Arts Access Victoria (AAV) is the state’s peak body for arts and disability. The organisation achieves its vision through:

* advocacy;
* the delivery of arts programs and events for Deaf and Disabled people;
* professional development programs for Deaf and Disabled artists;
* disability awareness training for arts organisations; and
* the distribution of disability access information and advice.

**What do I do if I have more questions?**

Email Siobhan McGinnity at [smcginnity@artsaccess.com.au](mailto:smcginnity@artsaccess.com.au) or call 9699 8299 (voice only) and ask for Siobhan. Siobhan is the Creative Producer for the Music Makers program at Arts Access Victoria.