

## Akademi Seed Commissions

### **Five micro-bursaries from Akademi supporting new creative ideas from artists practicing South Asian Dance in the UK**

For over 40 years, Akademi has been working to bring South Asian dance to mainstream attention, taking it into unexpected spaces in the UK, re-defining the parameters of the art form itself.

As the UK's leading producer of South Asian dance, we are committed to building strong talent development pathways for the next generation of dancers and choreographers and place inspirational learning and participation programmes at the heart of our work. We take pride in supporting artists to build a sustainable and successful professional career in South Asian dance in the UK.

In our continued endeavour to provide artists with opportunities to develop their practice, especially in these challenging times, we are offering **seed commissions to test a new creative idea for dance work in unusual settings or context**. We are inviting applications from artists living and practicing South Asian dance in the UK.

### **What are we offering?**

Five micro-bursaries of £500 each

### **The proposal:**

Do you have an idea brewing and would like to explore it further? Then, this fund is for you to apply to.

The idea must have South Asian dance at its core, exploring interesting and innovative ways in which audiences can continue to enjoy this art form, especially in the current situation communities cannot come together to experience dance in the same way.

The team at Akademi will be available to have a chat about your proposal before you apply. Please feel free to reach out to us on [info@akademi.co.uk](mailto:info@akademi.co.uk) to book a telephone appointment.

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### Outcome:

At the end of October 2020, we'd like you to share with us the outcomes of your initial thinking and research using a format of your choice.

### Application:

In no more than **500-words**, please:

- describe your creative idea,
- explain how it will engage with the audience in an unconventional way or format,
- let us know how Akademi can support you with the research and development of your idea.

Please submit the application to [info@akademi.co.uk](mailto:info@akademi.co.uk) by **Friday 29 May 6pm**. We also welcome applications by video or audio recordings of no longer than 5 minutes. Successful candidates will be informed by **Friday 5 June** via email. If you have any questions or would like more details, please write to us and we'll be happy to assist.

The funds on offer are modest, therefore we are not expecting proposals for fully-formed projects.

Akademi is committed to providing Equal Opportunities and therefore we welcome proposals from all artists practicing South Asian Dance including those who identify as disabled.