

Research and Practice Platform

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the Research and Practice Platform?

Research and Practice Platform is an Art Jameel programme supported by Dubai Culture and in its 2023-24 edition, run in association with Al Quoz Creative Zone. It is a programme that supports UAE-based creative practitioners. The first edition took place in 2020, in response to the Pandemic; this new 2023-24 edition of this occasional programme launches in response to the climate crisis and is designed to support UAE creative practitioners in producing projects that relate to sustainability and climate change.

Who can apply to the Research and Practice Platform?

Applications will be considered from UAE-based artists, filmmakers, writers, curators, illustrators, designers, researchers, performers and other creative practitioners whose projects are dedicated to or include a particular conceptual or material focus on sustainability and the environment.

Does the Research and Practice Platform have any restrictions on the nationality of applicants?

Research and Practice Platform applications are open to UAE Nationals and long-term UAE residents. Applicants are asked to demonstrate their commitment to and involvement in their local arts scene in the UAE.

*Please note that Art Jameel and the British Council have launched a parallel programme specifically designed for practitioners based elsewhere in the Middle East / North Africa region and organisations based in the Middle East / North Africa, including the UAE. If you are an **individual practising outside the UAE** or an **organisation based within the UAE**, kindly submit your application for the Anhar: Culture and Climate Platform by clicking [\[here\]](#).*

What kind of grant can I expect to receive for my project?

The 2023-24 Research and Practice Platform offers support of between AED 3,600 (\$1000) to AED 22,000 (\$6000), per person/project, to assist practitioners towards realising their work. We expect to be able to support up to 20 projects. The evaluation system includes an expectation that applicants will ask for a budget contribution anywhere between \$1000 and \$6000 that is suitable for and enables their project, with a budget that is considered and considerate to the programme as a whole.

What types of projects is the programme specifically seeking to support?

We are hoping for artworks and projects that engage with the climate emergency, in terms of subject matter, theme, research, narrative and/or material. Projects that also include a public element and that help raise awareness of the climate emergency within the UAE community are particularly encouraged. Examples include artworks of all kinds, site-specific interventions, public programmes, collaborations with public spaces, schools, festivals, and so on.

Does my proposed project need to directly address the climate crisis, or is it sufficient if it relates to the theme through production and materials?

Yes, your proposed project should directly address the climate crisis. While it's highly valuable and appreciated if your project relates to the theme through production and materials, it's essential that your project actively engages with and contributes to addressing the climate crisis itself. Applicants are encouraged to prioritise sustainable practices in their proposals, aiming to minimise environmental impact and work toward carbon neutrality. Projects that align closely with these goals will be highly regarded during the selection process.

Is the RPP part of COP and should my project address COP?

RPP launches in the lead-up to the UAE hosting the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP28), which takes place at Expo City (and across the UAE), November 30–December 12, 2023. 2023 is also the UAE Year of Sustainability. While this is a moment of great focus for the UAE and the world as regards global transformative climate action, your RPP application and project does not need to reference COP or the Year of Sustainability directly. More information about the climate crisis and COP is available [here](#).

When do applications for the Research and Practice Platform close?

The deadline for submission is **Friday, December 15, 2023** at midnight in local UAE timing.

When will I hear if I am successful?

We will endeavour to inform all successful and unsuccessful applicants by March 2024. Unfortunately, due to the volume of applications we anticipate, we are unable to provide feedback to all applicants.

How is Al Quoz Creative Zone involved in the RPP 2023-24?

RPP 2023-24 is supported by Dubai Culture and held in association with [Al Quoz Creative Zone](#) – an integrated creative hub in Dubai. We expect to announce the awardees at or in association with Al Quoz Creative Zone and there is a possibility that awardees may be invited to showcase their projects in the district in 2024-25. These potential developments will be announced in due course.