

The Achates Philanthropy Prize 2019

Nominating Organisation FAQs

Closes 5pm, Monday 16th September 2019

1. We nominated a philanthropist in 2018, can we enter the Achates Philanthropy Prize again in 2019?

Entries are open to all cultural organisations, including those who have nominated in previous years. All 2019 entries must identify a new nomination from the last year to be considered.

2. Can we make a nomination for both the Individual and Corporate Prizes?

Yes. Each organisation can make one nomination in each category.

3. How do you define 'first gift'?

We define a gift to the arts from a philanthropist or business who has not previously given in a meaningful way to your organisation. We encourage organisations to consider gifts of all sizes, types, and forms of support.

4. Can we nominate a philanthropist or company who made their gift prior to the last twelve-month period?

No. The gift must have been received within the last twelve-month period to qualify for the 2019 Prize. Discretion will be given at the approval of the judges where it can be shown that a pledge has been received but the funds have not yet been paid.

5. Can we nominate an individual and business in the same application?

Whilst we realise that some philanthropy might comprise a mix of both personal wealth and a contribution through business, it must be made clear whether you are nominating for the Individual or Corporate Prize. Organisations are welcome to nominate the same philanthropist for the Individual and Corporate Prize, as long as it is clear in each application that the contributions are distinct.

6. We have new business sponsorship for a project. It's the first time the business have supported an arts organisation. As part of the sponsorship they received some benefits from us. Are we eligible to apply to the Achates Philanthropy Corporate Award?

Yes. The Corporate Award celebrates meaningful, innovative partnerships that benefit cultural organisations and showcase the strategic approach they have employed to secure and build on them. Eligible partnerships can be sponsorship, or philanthropic in either cash or kind. We recognise that cultural organisations may offer benefits in return for this support.

7. How do you define different donation size, type and form?

We recognise that philanthropic giving is proportional to an individual's wealth or a business's profit, which is why we encourage nominations for significant and meaningful first-time gifts. These might not qualify as a major gift for an organisation, but may be recognised as such by the donor. We also encourage nominations which recognise philanthropists and businesses giving in innovative and interesting ways, which might include the gift of time or resources, partnerships and consortia models or community groups approaches., such as a group of individual donors working together.

8. The philanthropist/business I would like to nominate would rather remain anonymous, can we still submit an entry?

We understand that some donors may not wish their generosity to be publicised. The aim of the Prize is to raise awareness of the arts as charities, and secondly to tell stories that develop an awareness that anyone can be philanthropist and that it's a rewarding thing to do.

We feel the greatest driver for championing this message is complete transparency. But, if your donor is happy for us to tell their story if they win, it is fine for them to remain anonymous. It may be helpful to note that our previous winners have not received any unsolicited asks for support and has greatly enjoyed the experience.

9. What is the Achates Philanthropy Foundation?

The Achates Philanthropy Foundation is a UK registered charity, number 1173008 which was established in 2016 to act as an incubator for innovation in the cultural sector, encouraging new philanthropy and improving organisational resilience. The Achates Philanthropy Prize is the national campaign to promote giving to the arts, with nominating organisations encouraged to use the Achates Philanthropy Prize as a campaign tool to tell their fundraising stories and raise awareness locally. Achates Philanthropy Ltd is the largest sponsor of the Prize, demonstrating how a business can philanthropic in an innovative way. The 2019 Prize is also supported by BOP, Spektrix and Rich Mix.

10. Can we use the Achates Philanthropy Foundation, Achates Philanthropy Prize, or sponsor logos to promote the competition and our nomination?

We encourage nominating organisations Achates Philanthropy Prize branding to promote their application. All logos for the Achates Philanthropy Prize and the Achates Philanthropy Foundation can be used for this explicit purpose, with the understanding that they are neither licensed nor owned by third parties as a part of this process. All copyright of such images and use of sponsor names remains at the express discretion of each respective owner and permissions may be suspended or stopped without warning. Full details on the use of this material will be outlined in our toolkit sent to all shortlisted organisations.

11. We are in receipt of an Arts Council England Grants for the Arts, where do we detail this income?

Income from Arts Council England's Grants for the Arts awards can be counted within your organisation's voluntary income and is recognised as separate from any additional National Portfolio Organisation income you might be receiving.

12. Can a cultural organisation nominate its own associated charity?

The Prize celebrates businesses, individuals and trusts, who have made their first philanthropic donation to a cultural organisation in the last twelve months. As a charitable subsidiary does not represent active philanthropic giving in this sense, we are not able to accept any nominations made on this basis.

13. My query hasn't been answered, where do I direct further questions?

If you have technical difficulties completing the application form, or have alternative questions, please write to Georgia Attlesey, Achates Philanthropy Prize Director on achatesphilanthropy.prize@gmail.com. Questions directed to Achates Philanthropy Associates will not be responded to.

Questions received after Friday 13th September may not be seen, so please ensure you send your question with good time.