

FAQ for Project Space Applicants (2026)

If your question is not answered below, please also review the sample “MOU” download available through the website, here: <https://publicprograms.nyuad.nyu.edu/en/the-art-gallery/about/project-space/ps-application-info.html>

- 1) Is there a production budget?
 - a) The Project Space budget covers the following costs:
 - i) Professional art handling team and curatorial consultation/oversight where needed.
 - ii) Editorial for English and Arabic texts (all translation costs covered as well).
 - iii) Design, production, and install of wall texts and labels.
 - iv) Professional PR and marketing campaign in the press, social media, flyering on campus, and newsletter.
 - v) Opening reception event, including catering (including coffee, tea and cookies)
 - vi) Printing of print-ready materials on A-4 or A-3 paper as needed (this does not include cost of any special requirements such as folding or binding)
 - vii) Upkeep of the venue and all expenses related to operating the space.
 - viii) Security officer for the duration of the exhibition
- 2) Is there funding for art production and shipping?
 - a) There is no shipping budget, the exhibitor agrees to be responsible for delivery of the artwork to the space, to install it (with our help), and deinstall and return the work after.
 - b) Art production is the responsibility of the exhibitor/artist. Additional funding may be applied for, but is very limited.
- 3) Do I need to be affiliated with NYUAD to apply?
 - a) No, we welcome applications from anyone with ideas for exhibition projects!
- 4) What counts as an affiliation with NYUAD?
 - a) Please only include formal affiliations, such as staff, faculty, or student, or family of the same.
- 5) Are there limitations on the files we submit for the application?
 - a) Yes, we have a 10 MB size limit for file attachments. We don't have any file type restrictions, but we strongly recommend submitting all material in PDF format.
- 6) I am looking to sell my work. Is the Project Space suitable for this?
 - a) No, we are a non-commercial space, and no sales of work may be associated with this exhibition.

- 7) I have not put on my exhibition anywhere else, and I do not have institutional support. Will this affect my application?
 - a) No, on the contrary! The Project Space was created with the intention of supporting projects that cannot be realized anywhere else. We are geared towards new perspectives and experimental exhibitions.

- 8) I am an NYUAD student. Am I eligible to apply to the Project Space?
 - a) If you are an undergraduate student, you are eligible as long as you apply with a faculty advisor who commits to supporting all phases of the exhibition. A letter of support with the application will be needed.
 - b) If you are an MFA student, you are not eligible to apply to the Project Space until two years post-graduation.

- 9) I am an artist. Do I need a curator to apply?
 - a) No; as long as your proposal is a developed exhibition idea, you do not need to apply with a curator. However, we strongly recommend a curatorial production partner.

- 10) How much artistic experience is required to apply to the Project Space?
 - a) The Project Space is open for applications from all disciplines, not only art, whose ideas and materials require an exhibition space to be shared.
 - b) We evaluate applications based on the merits of your proposal, not the experience possessed by the applicants.

- 11) Should all applicants be based in the UAE?
 - a) At least one applicant is required to be based in the UAE.
 - b) Please note that as the exhibition will be held in the UAE, we encourage proposals that engage with topics that will contribute further to questions and issues that are relevant to the UAE.
 - c) All shipping costs rest with the exhibitor, and cannot be funded by the Project Space.

- 12) The works I want to include are outside the UAE, can I bring them here?
 - a) If you are able to arrange transportation of the works yourself, absolutely! If you will need support to bring them here, we are unfortunately unable to guarantee this due to production and scheduling constraints. If you have further questions or concerns, please email us at nyuad.exhibition.projects@nyu.edu

- 13) Do we get a fee for showing in the Project Space?
 - a) No, we do not offer a fee to selected applicants. The financial support comes in the production of the exhibition, marketing, and events.

- 14) Do displayed materials get insured?
 - a) No, we do not insure works displayed in the Project Space.

- 15) Can I come see the Project Space before submitting my application?
 - a) The Project Space is not currently open to visitors. You can email us to request a visit at nyuad.exhibition.projects@nyu.edu

- 16) I have ideas but I need some guidance on how to develop them into a proposal.
 - a) Feel free to email us with any questions or concerns at nyuad.exhibition.projects@nyu.edu