

## **Call for Applications: Collections Fund at Frieze**

Founded in 2012 the Collections Fund is designed to support the acquisition of significant contemporary works for Contemporary Art Society Member Museums.

A key aim of the scheme is to draw together the knowledge, experience and expertise of private collectors with that of museum curators in a short and intense programme of research leading to an acquisition. The scheme provides curators with a framework for research, including studio visits and discussion with the members of the Collections Fund Committee.

In 2016 the Contemporary Art Society entered a new partnership with Frieze London. This year's Collections Fund at Frieze will support a Member Museum to purchase a significant work at Frieze London in October 2021. In addition to this, the Contemporary Art Society will provide a research bursary to support the curator's travel and accommodation. Please note that all transport, crating and conservation costs must be covered by the museum.

### **Who can apply?**

All Contemporary Art Society Member Museums are eligible to apply for the Collections Fund at Frieze. We will consider applications from single Member Museums, or partnerships between institutions. Only one successful application will be chosen each year.

### **Criteria**

This is a scheme for those who are interested and available to undertake a short and intense programme of research in Summer and early Autumn that will result in the purchase of a significant work at Frieze London in October 2021. In writing the application, we are not looking for institutions to define exactly which artists or works they are interested in acquiring.

Instead we would like to know how a work acquired through this scheme might connect with the current collecting and exhibition priorities of the museum. Through this scheme we aim to acquire works that are of particular relevance to our times.

The Collections Fund at Frieze will support acquisitions of British and international artists working in any medium including film, performance, photography, sculpture and installation.

## Timeframe

**11 June 2021:** Deadline for museums to submit an application.

**October 2021:** A joint press release between the Contemporary Art Society, Frieze London and the museum to announce the acquisition.

This timeline is based on the assumption that Government Guidelines permit our activity. We will adapt our process accordingly in discussion with the successful museum should changes occur.

The successful candidate will be expected to work with us on audience evaluation processes.

## How to apply

The deadline to apply to the Collections Fund at Frieze is 11 June 2021, 17.00. Applications should be sent to [specialprojects@contemporaryartsociety.org](mailto:specialprojects@contemporaryartsociety.org)

We recommend a preliminary conversation with colleagues considering making an application, please contact [christine@contemporaryartsociety.org](mailto:christine@contemporaryartsociety.org) to arrange a phone appointment with our curatorial team.