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Wenten Rubuntja Indigenous Artist Fellowship

A unique arts fellowship worth \$43,000 has been named after a great Territorian.

The *Wenten Rubuntja Indigenous Artist Fellowship* is on offer until November 16 and gives the successful applicant the chance to participate in a structured programme of learning in New York.

Mr Rubuntja was an Arrernte artist and activist who was born in Burt Creek north of Alice Springs in the 1920s and was a key figure in the land rights campaign and played a leading role in establishing many Aboriginal organisations.

He was the first Indigenous person to receive a State Funeral in the NT.

Arts NT Director Jackie Halsey said the fellowship is open to accomplished Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander visual artists from the Northern Territory.

“The successful applicant will spend eight weeks learning about the art gallery market in New York and the north-eastern United States,” Ms Halsey said.

“This is a magnificent opportunity where the winner will be working with mentors in their arts field and expenses including a small living allowance will be paid for.

“I encourage all practising indigenous visual artists from the Territory to apply as this is an opportunity not to be missed.

“The winner will be selected using a range of criteria such as their ability to act as an ambassador for Australia and Indigenous Australians and the ability to communicate about their work and its origins.

“Selection will also be based on the quality of their recent work and demonstrated ability to mount a solo exhibition.”

Applicants must be willing to undergo a criminal record check to meet visa requirements.

The fellowship is being supported by Woodside, Advance – Global Australian Professionals and Arts NT.

More information including selection criteria and contact details can be found at www.arts.nt.gov.au or by calling 1800 678 237.