

# DANCEEAST

**BOOST CREATIVE CAREERS BURSARY  
LIGHTING/ SOUND/ VIDEO TECHNICIAN**

PAID WORK PLACEMENT (3 MONTHS)

October 2025



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## About DanceEast

DanceEast's vision is a world where everyone can benefit from the vital and life-enhancing power of dance.

Operating in the East of England and beyond, our mission is to create new and exciting ways for people to move or be moved, through participating in, experiencing, or producing dance at its very best. We promote dance as an avenue for self-expression, discovery, and fulfilment; to enhance health and wellbeing; and as a tool to unite people and communities.

Three values drive us forwards: a passionate pursuit of quality, a commitment to making dance compelling, accessible, and inclusive for everyone, and a determination to focus effort and investment where it has the greatest impact.

As one of the UK's leading dance organisations and the home of dance in the East of England, our work is consistently excellent, and our impact is felt locally, regionally, and nationally. Each year our programme reaches 40,000 attendances of participatory activities and 13,000 attendances of performances both in the theatre and outdoors. Our outreach activities focus on people facing disadvantage as well as those traditionally under-represented in arts engagement; we give more people the chance to experience and create the highest quality dance, for the greatest benefit of all.

Further information about DanceEast can be found at [www.danceeast.co.uk](http://www.danceeast.co.uk)



## **What is the Boost Creative Careers Bursary Scheme?**

Boost Bursaries are open to creatives aged over 18 who are at the beginning of their careers, with little to no previous professional experience in the arts. The scheme offers paid, hands-on placements in professional arts settings. Whether you're into producing, design, technical theatre, marketing, or community engagement, this is your chance to get stuck in, grow your skills, and build your future.

It could be that you've just finished college and want to make your first steps in the working world, or you're looking for a career change and on the lookout for experience in the arts.

## **Purpose of the Placement**

Following the Covid lockdown, performing arts organisations across Suffolk have experienced some difficulty in finding lighting and sound technicians to cover the broad range of events that take place across our region. In addition, due to the scale and nature of many of Suffolk's arts organisations, the value of multi-disciplinary technicians has never been stronger.

As such, DanceEast are looking for technically minded candidates who are looking to broaden their skills portfolio and engage with the professional cultural sector in the disciplines of lighting, sound and video.

## **Who is the ideal candidate?**

The Boost Bursary Scheme is for individuals with little to no previous professional experience in the arts. For this placement, the ideal candidate would be a technically minded individual who can demonstrate some engagement with:

- either lighting and/or sound in a school setting, who are looking to develop a career in live performance
- either lighting and/or sound in a community or amateur setting who are looking to develop a career in live performance
- related disciplines such as computer networking, coding, video editing and games design looking to develop a career in live performance.

## **Ways we can support you**

- Facilitate key skills training to broaden your employability
- Give you access to the excellent technical facilities at DanceEast
- Linking to other cultural institutions to enable freelance opportunities
- Offer general insight on our process for working with freelance crew
- Offer CV and career advice/tips, and opportunities for networking

## How the placement will work

You will be expected to work 60 hours per month over a period of three months. A schedule of work and a programme of training will be agreed with you prior to the start of the placement.

You will directly engage at a technical level across DanceEast's live performance and digital activity using your existing skills as well as your newly developing ones. This will include some evening work. Periods will be assigned where you will have dedicated access to equipment and infrastructure where you can practice and test your skills in a safe environment.

## Fee

The total Boost Bursary offered is **£2,500**.

This will be paid in three instalments to be agreed at the beginning of your placement.

## How to Apply

To apply, please send your CV along with a covering letter outlining why you would like to be considered for this placement, to [HR@danceeast.co.uk](mailto:HR@danceeast.co.uk) by **Wednesday 22 October**.

**At DanceEast we are committed to creating a diverse, inclusive workforce that is reflective and representative of the diversity of our communities.**

**We recognise that difference is a strength, and our working environment is one where every individual's unique contribution is valued and respected.**

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