



**Aga Khan Cultural Services-Afghanistan (AKCSA) &
FarhangSara/SilkRoad Cultural Initiative (FS/SRCI)**

Introduction to the Aga Khan Cultural Services Afghanistan (AKCSA)

The Aga Khan Cultural Services-Afghanistan (AKCSA) was founded in 1988 and is registered in Geneva, Switzerland, as a private, non-denominational, philanthropic foundation. It is an integral part of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), a family of institutions created by His Highness the Aga Khan, with distinct yet complementary mandates to improve the welfare and prospects of people in countries in the developing world, particularly in Asia and Africa.

Part of the wider development program of the Aga Khan Development Network in Afghanistan, the AKCSA has since 2002 been engaged in a range of initiatives in Kabul, Herat, Balkh and Badakhshan aimed at the conservation and revitalization of historic neighborhoods, the improvement of living conditions, the development of professional and crafts skills, and the support of arts & culture initiatives.

About the FarhangSara/SilkRoad Cultural Initiative (FS/SRCI):

Since 2016, the Trust has also managed and implemented the FS/SRCI project, a 9-year donor funded program aimed at promoting culture along the Silk Road, to be awarded anew in 3 phases of 3 years each. The program consists of the following program pillars: (i) Support for Cultural Initiatives (Arts Grants Program), (ii) Cultural Policy Development Support, (iii) Intangible Cultural Heritage inventorying, (iv) Vocational Training Center and (v) Conservation of Built Heritage.

About the FS/SRCI Open Call for Contemporary Artist Portfolios

The FS/SRCI is pleased to announce an Open Call for contemporary visual artists to submit their portfolios. The FS/SRCI is interested in curating exhibitions in the future, as well as other contemporary artistic initiatives such as events, seminars, and workshops. In anticipation of this, the FS/SRCI would like to begin establishing a database of contemporary visual artists and their work as a first step towards developing these initiatives.

An easy to use fillable template for creating your art portfolio has been made available to you. *PLEASE USE ONLY THIS FORM FOR CREATING YOUR PORTFOLIO.*

**PORTFOLIOS SUBMITTED IN ANY FORMAT OTHER THAN THE ONE
PROVIDED BY FS/SRCI WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

This is an Open Call with a DEADLINE of October 30, 2021.

Please send your electronic forms to silkroad.artsgrants@akdn.org.

To consider your Portfolio, the Subject line of your email MUST be: **FS/SRCI Contemporary Art Portfolio**

AKCS-Afghanistan is an equal opportunities employer. Women are encouraged to apply.