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Topology's mentor program Launchpad opens for applications from rural and regional creative Queenslanders on Monday 25 January 2021.

Topology's **Launchpad** program is seeking expressions of interest from regional emerging composers, musicians, songwriters and performers who are within the first 5 years of their professional careers.

In 2021, Launchpad will be a 12-month program with one-on-one mentoring delivered by Topology's artists and company staff. The goal of **Launchpad** is to encourage and increase the creative potential of participants within the first five years of their professional careers, to connect participants with industry professionals and provide networking opportunities to showcase their work.

"Launchpad is currently a component of our award winning Top Up Program which includes Top Up Education, Creative Bootcamp, Backstage Bootcamp and Creative workshops". Says Christa Powell, Creative Director.

"In 2021, we plan to travel far and wide (pending any sudden travel restrictions of course) with the Top Up programs. We already have workshops and projects under way in over 30 towns spanning the length and breadth of Queensland from Longreach to Texas and many towns in between. With our Topology Team travelling as much as we can this year, we are seeking more Launchpadders from Queensland regional or rural communities.

"Through the support of Tim Fairfax Family Foundation and Arts Queensland, mentorees from outside of Brisbane are provided travel and accommodation for up to two intensive creative development sessions in Brisbane."

"Unlike other mentoring programs available, **Launchpad** celebrates Topology's values of inclusivity and adventurousness by offering the program with no barrier of age, genre or style. Topology matches participants with mentors that work collaboratively to achieve their goals".

Launchpad mentorees are invited to an intensive week in Brisbane at Creative Bootcamp in July where participants have the opportunity to work with like-minded musicians and the Topology staff and tutors at the camp. Their newly composed works will also be professionally recorded and showcased via YouTube, Spotify and other social media sites.

Previous participants include Georgie Taylor composer, singer songwriter and musical theatre artist. Multi-award winner, Georgie worked with Topology for two years and is now majoring in Musical Theatre at Griffith Queensland Conservatorium, Ray Lin jazz guitarist and composer now majoring in classical composition at Griffith Queensland Conservatorium and Isabella Lauf who focused on film composition during her Launchpad mentorship. Isy is now working on the award-winning show Bluey as assistant composer and sound editor.

Applications open 25 January 2021 and close at 5pm 14 March. Applications are to be submitted via an online form <https://forms.gle/Fn2KjEprydy9CkwE7>. For any inquiries or information on Launchpad please contact Christa Powell, Creative Director.

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Photo: Ray Chen Jazz Guitarist and Composer

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