



## Advanced Artist Diploma: Context and Development Plan (CDP)

### What is the Context and Development Plan?

The Context and Development Plan (CDP) is a written submission that provides you with an opportunity to outline and reflect, critically and in detail, upon your artistic/professional and educational trajectory throughout the programme.

It is a live document that evolves during your studies: from admission to the programme and throughout the two years under supervision, playing an important role in its completion.

### Content of the CPD at admissions stage

1. Evaluate your current strengths/ambitions/motivations in your Principal Study - your artistic and professional starting point.
2. Contextualise your study within the artistic/professional settings that are relevant to you, and towards which you are aiming.
3. Set artistic/professional objectives to work towards during the programme and beyond, that are shaped and guided by your individual and personal ideas.
4. Explore practical and intellectual strategies, methodologies and resources to guide and enhance progress.

### Format of the CPD submission

There is no prescribed format for your CDP, but you should lay out the information clearly, with appropriate headings/subheadings for easy navigation (use the above four areas as your starting points). The suggested word count for the initial plan is 400-800 words.

## Support to write your CDP

If you require support in preparing your CDP, you may contact the Head of Music Programmes, [Alessandro Timossi](#), for help.

## Deadline

You should submit your plan by the deadline stated in your offer letter. Please email your CDP to [music.applications@gsmd.ac.uk](mailto:music.applications@gsmd.ac.uk)

## Assessment and decision

The CDP will be reviewed by the Head of Music Programmes (HoMP), the Head and/or Deputy Head of your Principal Study Department (HoD/DHoD) and any other staff relevant to your application and studies, which may include the proposed Principal Study professor.

Once the HoMP and HoD/HDoDs are satisfied that your plan is a viable, they will inform the Admissions Coordinators, who will confirm that you have passed this condition of your offer. If further discussion or amendment is required, they will reach out to you directly.

If you do not submit the CDP, or you fail to engage with the HoMP on the development of your CDP, you will not pass this condition of offer and your application will be withdrawn.