



Participation terms for the

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Project Process

1. Students submit their applications to their universities.
2. Each of the five universities selects up to three students and forwards their applications to Ö1.
3. Jury Session: The jury creates a shortlist of four candidates and selects the scholarship winner from them.
4. Via online voting, an Audience Award winner will be chosen from the finalists.
5. The works of the four shortlisted candidates, as well as the Audience Award winner, will be exhibited in Vienna.
6. Award Ceremony: At the exhibition opening, the winners will be announced and the scholarship will be awarded.
7. The winner of the scholarship will receive €10,000.
8. The Audience Award winner will receive a free participation in the ARTIST STATEMENT program as part of PARALLEL VIENNA 2027.

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Ö1 TALENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR VISUAL ARTS 2026 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Ö1 Talent Scholarship for Visual Arts, valued at €10,000 is supported by Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein. This Award is intended to promote emerging talent among students studying at one of the following five universities: Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, University of Applied Arts Vienna, University of Art and Design Linz, Mozarteum University Salzburg, and University of Art Graz.

Eligibility Criteria

The scholarship is open to all students of the above-listed art universities who meet the following criteria by the submission deadline for the Ö1 Talent Scholarship for Visual Arts 2026:

- Applicants must be enrolled as regular students at one of the aforementioned art universities.
- Applicants must be in the second phase of their studies (according to the old curriculum) or in the final stage of their Bachelor's or Master's degree.
- Students receiving one or more scholarships amounting to over €3,000 per year at the time of submission are excluded from the Ö1 Talent Scholarship for Visual Arts (except for government study grants).
- Students participating in a mobility program (ERASMUS, Joint Study, etc.) in Austria are excluded from participation.

Submission and Deadline

The submission period for the Ö1 Talent Scholarship for Visual Arts 2026 begins on **March 16, 2026**, and ends on **April 20, 2026**.

Submitted works must be submitted digitally to the internal submission addresses published by the five art universities as listed on their respective notice boards. The submitted materials must be marked with the note »Ö1 Talent Scholarship for Visual Arts 2026.«

Publication

The Ö1 Talent Scholarship for Visual Arts 2026 will be announced via:

- Notices at the above-mentioned art universities (including institutes) by the relevant university departments.
- Publication on the website or through newsletters of the five art universities, on oe1.ORF.at, as well as on the website of Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein.

Application Documents

The application must include:

- A completed and signed application form. The form (PDF format) can be obtained from the website/newsletter of the respective art university.
- Portfolio of works (15 to 30 pages). Color photos or video stills of three works to be submitted to the jury. These must include »Jury« in the file name. The resolution of photos or stills must be 300 dpi, format: .jpg or .tif. Accompanying texts should describe the works in detail. Videos and video documentation are an important addition. Film, video, and sound works must be uploaded to www.vimeo.com or www.youtube.com (accessible without password). The links must be provided in the description of each work.

- A PDF file with the following content (all texts must be in German, according to current German spelling rules):
 - Biographical information (photo, education, and details of previous artistic activities such as exhibitions, study trips, participation in competitions, etc.), as outlined in the application form.
 - A brief commentary on the applicant's artistic work (max. 500 characters, including spaces).
 - Information on planned work during the scholarship period (max. 500 characters, including spaces).
 - Brief descriptions of the three works being submitted. Each description may be up to 500 characters (including spaces). A small photo/video still of the work and the following details must be included: title, material, format, year of creation.
 - To provide a comprehensive picture of the applicant's artistic activities, additional photos and descriptions of other works must be included.
 - Confirmation of the second study phase (first diploma exam certificate).
 - Proof of enrollment at the university.

Only applications with complete information and documents that meet the above criteria will be considered.

Expert Jury

The independent expert jury for the Ö1 Talent Scholarship for Visual Arts 2026 consists of five external representatives from the above-mentioned art universities (not members of the respective professoriate), representatives from Ö1, Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein, C/O Vienna Magazine and a representative of MUMOK. The art universities select their external jury members autonomously and send names and contact details to Ö1 by April 1, 2026 (Catherine Nicholls, +43 664 88119949, catherine.nicholls@orf.at).

Selection Process

Each of the five art universities will make a pre-selection from the submitted applications, from which up to three finalists per university will be chosen. The pre-selection process at the art universities must be completed by May 11, 2026. The art universities will then inform the selected finalists.

The universities must send the names and contact details of their finalists, along with the total number of participants, to Ö1 by May 11, 2026 (email: catherine.nicholls@orf.at).

Finalist Submission

The selected finalists must submit the following documents to Ö1 (catherine.nicholls@orf.at) by June 1, 2026:

- Submitted application content (biographical information, brief commentary, work plan, and three work descriptions) in Word format.
- Artist photo with copyright information (resolution: 300 dpi, format: .jpg or .tif).

The finalists will create a **video (maximum length of 1 minute**, in portrait format 9:16, HD quality) introducing themselves and their work.

The video work should contain several excerpts (e.g. work process, performance, work, detailed shots) and must be submitted to Ö1 via We Transfer. The finalists will receive details of the design and technical requirements from Ö1 after they have been notified of their acceptance as a finalist. The link to the video must be sent to catherine.nicholls@orf.at by **June 11, 2026**.

Finalists agree that the image and video files submitted may be used by Ö1 and Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein for promotional or documentation purposes related to the project.

The finalists undertake, should they be selected as a shortlist candidate, to be available in **September 2026** for an interview video in collaboration with C/O Vienna Magazine as well as meetings with the curator of the exhibition in Vienna.

Finalists will be informed by Ö1 of the Jury Session date.

Jury Session/Notification

The expert jury for the Ö1 Talent Scholarship for Visual Arts 2026 will be convened by Ö1 in June 2026.

During the Jury Session, a shortlist of four candidates will be created, from which the winner of the Ö1 Talent Scholarship for Visual Arts 2026 will be selected. The works of these four candidates, as well as the Audience Award winner, will be presented in an exhibition in Vienna.

If the Ö1 jury does not reach a unanimous decision, the majority vote will apply during the re-vote.

At the award ceremony in autumn 2026, the first-place winner will be announced, and the Ö1 Talent Scholarship will be awarded. After the winners are confirmed, the jury will document their decision with a brief explanation, which will be published on oe1.ORF.at.

No legal recourse is available in connection with the awarding of the Ö1 Talent Scholarship for Visual Arts 2026.

Online Voting – Audience Award

In addition to the jury decision, the Ö1 public will have the opportunity to vote for an Audience Award winner from all the finalists. The artists and their works will be presented on the website oe1.orf.at, and online voting will take place. The works of the Audience Award winner will be displayed at the award ceremony for the Ö1 Talent Scholarship 2026.

Additionally, the winner of the Audience Award will receive free participation in the ARTIST STATEMENT program during PARALLEL VIENNA in 2027.

Exhibition

The shortlisted candidates and the Audience Award winner agree that their data may be published by Ö1, Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein and the five participating art universities and that their works may be presented as part of an exhibition. Furthermore, they agree to make themselves available for up to twelve hours in total for promotional events (e.g., public award ceremony, photo sessions, interviews) without remuneration. The works submitted for the Ö1 Talent Scholarship for Visual Arts 2026 must be made available free of charge for exhibition purposes, broadcast, and online distribution without territorial or material restrictions.

Compensation/Fair Pay

The shortlisted candidates will receive €535 as compensation for their participation and work during the exhibition setup and dismantling. The winner of the scholarship is exempt from this compensation.

Award Ceremony in Autumn 2026

In autumn 2026, the winner of the Ö1 Talent Scholarship for Visual Arts 2026, as well as the Audience Award winner, will be announced at the exhibition and the scholarship will be awarded.