

The Academy of Fine Arts in Prague

announces

a call for applications for the

Creative Grant Competition AVU (hereafter referred to as CGC) for the year 2025 – Diploma Projects

The competition is intended for **students in their 6th year of master's study and 3rd year of follow-up master's study at AVU.**

The goal of CGC - Diploma Projects is to support students' diploma projects focused on the creation and public presentation of artworks.

Announcement date: October 18, 2024

Application deadline: November 30, 2024

The grant applicant may:

- Submit a maximum of one project proposal
- Request up to 100% of the total project costs
- Request a maximum of CZK 50,000

The grant is not intended for the purchase of material and technological equipment for studios.

Guidelines of the Creative Grant Competition AVU 2025 – Diploma Projects

The Academy of Fine Arts in Prague announces the Creative Grant Competition AVU 2025 (CGC 2025) - Diploma Projects to support talented students of AVU.

Applicant:

Applicants for the project may be students in their 6th year of master's study and 3rd year of follow-up master's study at AVU. Each applicant may submit a maximum of one project proposal.

Supported activities:

Creative activity of students and its presentation – supporting students' diploma projects focused on the creation and public presentation of artworks. An essential part of the project output, alongside created artworks, is their public presentation at the AVU diploma exhibition.

Schedule:

- Announcement of the CGC: October 18, 2024
- Application deadline: November 30, 2024
- Announcement of the CGC results: by January 31, 2025
- Project implementation: from October 1, 2024, to July 31, 2025
- Project final report and financial report: September 30, 2025

Application submission:

The application with mandatory attachments must be completed using the prescribed online form. You can find the link to the online form and the mandatory attachment forms together with the CGC guidelines - Diploma Projects published on the AVU website in the section Study -> Internal grant competitions -> Creative Grant Competition - Diploma Projects. A complete application includes:

1. **Application form** – an online form in which you fill out all mandatory fields and upload the mandatory attachments
2. **Detailed project description with signature** – download the form “CGC 2025 - Detailed project description” and:
 - a) describe the subject and goal of the project, when activities will take place, who will implement the project (in case of a larger team), and what the project outputs will be. Try not to copy text already mentioned in the online application form;
 - b) include any visual documentation, inspiration, photos of the project in progress, etc. (this is not mandatory)
 - c) sign the document digitally or print, sign, and scan it
3. **Project budget** – specify the planned total project costs and indicate what costs will be covered by the grant
4. **Applicant's portfolio** - submit in PDF format, maximum 15 pages, any audiovisual links in the portfolio must be functional
5. **Applicant's CV** – there is no prescribed format; it should include a list of education, work experience, exhibitions, etc., relevant to the proposed project.

The project proposal is submitted **electronically using the online form** available on the AVU website. The application, including attachments, should not be sent anywhere else.

The project proposal must meet formal requirements to proceed to further evaluation by the grant committee. The grant cannot be provided to projects submitted after the deadline, incompletely filled in or with content that does not comply with the rules of the competition.

Eligible costs:

The costs listed in the project budget must be directly related to the project implementation. Eligible costs include non-investment material costs, service costs, travel expenses, and in exceptional and duly justified cases, personal costs essential for the project implementation. The maximum grant amount for a single project proposal is CZK 50,000. The applicant can request up to 100% of the project costs, but no more than CZK 50,000.

Project proposal consultation:

For any questions regarding the preparation of applications, please contact Mgr. Michaela Žůrková (AVU Grant Department, phone: +420 778 496 601, e-mail: tgs@avu.cz).

Project evaluation criteria:

Applications will be assessed by a grant committee appointed by the rector of AVU. The committee will evaluate the submitted project proposals based on the following criteria:

- contribution to the field (high artistic quality, artistic creativity, etc.),
- content and formal aspects of the project (clear formulation of the project activities and goals, compliance with the guidelines, specific implementation plan, project team, project timeline),
- feasibility of the proposed activities, including cost adequacy and expected outputs.

Announcement of results:

Applicants will be informed of the results through the AVU website and email. The announcement of results is final and cannot be appealed. There is no legal entitlement to the grant.

Project implementation and grant usage conditions:

A contract for the provision of targeted financial support will be signed with successful applicants selected by the grant committee, which will stipulate the conditions for project funding.

The grant recipient is responsible for the effective and economical use of the financial support in accordance with the purposes for which the support was provided.

The grant is provided only for non-investment expenses related to the project implementation. Hospitality expenses, donations or investment costs cannot be covered by the grant.

Expenses related to foreign travel can only be covered if they are a direct part of the project.

Project finalisation:

The grant funds must be used within the project realisation period indicated in these guidelines.

The recipient submits a final report and an account of the use of grant funds electronically by September 30 of the given year. The final report form will be published on the AVU website in the Creative Grant Competition – Diploma Projects section.