



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Creative Grant Competition AVU 2026

(diploma projects)

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Who can apply for a grant?

Only students of the 6th year of master's studies and 3rd year of follow-up master's studies at the Academy of Fine Arts can apply for support. Each applicant can submit a maximum of **one project**.

What is the purpose of the grant?

The grant is intended to support **the creative activities of** students within their **diploma theses**. The project must lead to the creation of a work of art and its **public presentation** at the exhibition of diploma theses of the Academy of Fine Arts.

How much money can I get?

The maximum grant amount is **CZK 50,000**. It is possible to apply for up to 100% of the project costs, but never more than CZK 50,000.

What can I use the funds for?

Only costs directly related to the project are eligible. These are:

- non-investment material costs,
- service costs;
- travel allowance
- in exceptional and justified cases, also the personnel costs necessary for the implementation of the project.

Investments (e.g. studio equipment), hospitality or gifts cannot be paid.

Can I finance refreshments from the project (e.g. for the team or at the opening)?

No. Refreshments are not eligible costs.

Other people are involved in the project, how can I pay them a bonus?

If they are students of the Academy of Fine Arts – in the form of a scholarship that is paid directly by the Academy of Fine Arts and the amount paid will be reduced by this amount. It needs to be addressed immediately after the grant is approved!

If they are external, it is possible in the form of a DPP (agreement to perform work) or a Contract for Work. Specimens of these contracts can be sent to you by the Grant Department. However, the grant is not intended to cover the personal costs of the investigator himself.

What is the competition schedule?

- **Announcement of the competition:** October 20, 2025
- **Application deadline:** November 30, 2025
- **Announcement of results:** by January 31, 2026
- **Signing of contracts:** 16–26 February 2026
- **Project implementation:** October 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026
- **Final report and accounts:** by 30 September 2026

How is it requested?

The application is submitted using an online form available on the AVU website (Study → Internal Grant Competitions → Creative Grant Competition – Diploma Projects). Documents are not sent anywhere else.

What documents do I need to submit when applying?

1. **A completed application form** (online).
2. **Detailed description of the project** – according to the prescribed template, signed (digital or scanned signature).
3. **Project budget.**
4. **Portfolio** – max. 15 pages, works from the last 3 years, or links to AV material.
5. **CV** – free format, focusing on education, exhibitions and practice related to the project.

How are projects evaluated?

In particular, the Grant Committee assesses:

- artistic quality and contribution to the field,
- feasibility and interconnection of activities with goals,
- formal readiness and clarity of the application,
- the adequacy and structure of the budget;
- the quality of the applicant's portfolio.

When and how will I know the results?

The results will be sent to applicants by e-mail and will also be published via the AVU website. The decision of the commission is final and cannot be appealed.

What happens after the project is approved?

Successful applicants will sign a contract with the school **for the provision of targeted financial support**. It sets out the rules for drawing the grant. If the applicant fails to appear within the specified deadline to sign the contract, he or she may lose the right to support.

I received an email saying that I have been awarded a TGS grant, when will I receive the money?

First, you need to sign a grant agreement. This is usually signed at the Grant Department of the Academy of Fine Arts on the dates specified in the announcement. Within two weeks after signing the contract, the money will arrive in the account specified in the application.

Who approves the budget and any changes to it?

The budget is approved by the grant committee of the Academy of Fine Arts when the support is granted. During the course of the project, it is possible to request a transfer between budget chapters. In this case, contact the Grant Department.

What happens if I don't use up all my resources?

Unused funds are returned to the AVU budget and can be used in other calls.

What should I do if I don't submit my diploma thesis in June and I want to complete it in the next academic year. year?

If you are postponing the implementation of your diploma thesis by only one semester (you will graduate in the winter semester of the following academic year), ask for a change in the project and for an extension of the project implementation. If you plan to graduate in the summer semester of the next academic year, you will have to return the funds and apply for the grant again in the next round the following year.

How does the project end?

By 30 September 2026, the beneficiary must submit **a final report** and a **statement of funds** (the form will be on the AVU website). Everything is submitted electronically. The researcher submits a final report on the project. It is accompanied by a financial statement according to the costs actually drawn. Each expense must be supported by a copy of an accounting document (invoice, receipt, ticket, contract, travel order, etc.).

Can I ask for a consultation during the preparation and implementation of the project?

Yes, of course. If you have any questions, please contact:

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