



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Creative Grant Competition AVU 2026

(student projects)

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Who can apply for a grant?

Applicants may be students **of the 2nd-5th year of master's studies** and **1st-2nd years of follow-up master's studies** at the Academy of Fine Arts. Everyone can submit a maximum of **one project**.

What is the purpose of the grant?

The aim is to support **creative projects of students and entire studios** that lead to the creation and **public presentation of works of art** – in the form of exhibitions, performances, publications, films, etc.

How much money can I get?

The maximum amount of support is **CZK 30,000**. It is possible to apply for up to 100% of the project costs, but never more than CZK 30,000.

What can I use the funds for?

Eligible expenditure:

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

Cannot be paid: investments (e.g. studio equipment), hospitality, gifts. Foreign trips only if they are directly part of the project.

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:** 2–13 March 2026
- **Project implementation:** January 1 – October 31, 2026
- **Final report and billing:** by 30 November 2026 (or within 1 month from the end of the project).

How and where do I apply?

Applications are submitted exclusively via **the online form** available on the AVU website (Study → Internal Grant Competitions → Creative Grant Competition – Student Projects). Documents are not sent anywhere else.

What attachments do I need to attach to the application?

1. **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, work from the last 3 years, functional links to AV material.
5. **CV** – free format, education, experience, exhibitions, etc. related to the project.

How are projects evaluated?

The Commission assesses:

- artistic quality and contribution to the field,
- the reality and interconnection of activities with the plan,
- formal readiness and clarity of the application;
- the adequacy and structure of the budget;
- portfolio quality.

How do I find out the results?

The results will be published via the AVU website and sent by e-mail. The decision is final, without the possibility of appeal. There is no legal entitlement to support.

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.

How does the project end?

- The project and the drawing of funds must take place during 2026.
- By November 30, 2026 (or within one month after the end of the project), it is necessary to submit **the final report** and **billing**.

- Exceptionally (if the project runs until the end of December), the report can be submitted until 31 January 2027.

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 cannot implement the approved project?

Don't panic – sometimes unexpected obstacles appear in life that complicate our plans. It is important not to be left alone and **to contact the AVU Grant Department as soon as possible**. Explain the situation to them and together you will agree on how to proceed. In some cases, it may be possible to modify the terms of the project, in other cases it is necessary to deal with **the return of the provided funds**. Timely and open communication is key – this is the only way to find the most suitable solution.

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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