



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 2026 – Student Projects

The competition is intended for **students in their 2nd to 5th years of master's study and 1^s to 2nd years of follow-up master's study at AVU.**

The goal of CGC - Student Projects is to support students' projects and entire AVU studios focused on the creation and public presentation of artworks.

Announcement date: October 20, 2025

Application deadline: November 30, 2025

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 30,000

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

Guidelines of the Creative Grant Competition AVU – Student Projects

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

Applicant:

Applicants for the project may be students in their 2nd to 5th years of master's study and 1st to 2nd years 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' projects or entire studios at AVU focused on the creation and public presentation of artworks. An essential part of the project output, alongside created artworks, is their public presentation through exhibitions, performances, publications, films, etc.

Schedule:

- Announcement of the CGC: October 20, 2025
- Application deadline: November 30, 2025
- Announcement of the CGC results: by January 31, 2026
- Signing of contracts for successful applicants: 2 – 13 March 2026
- Project implementation: from January 1, 2026, to October 31, 2026
- Project final report and financial report: 1 month after project finalisation, or by November 30, 2026

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 - Student Projects published on the AVU website in the section Study -> Internal grant competitions -> Creative Grant Competition - Student 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 2026 - 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.

Grant Conditions:

Support is provided exclusively for non-investment expenditures directly related to the implementation of the submitted projects. The maximum grant amount for a single project proposal is CZK 30,000. Applicants may request funding covering up to 100% of the total project costs, but not exceeding CZK 30,000. Costs listed in the project budget must be directly linked to the implementation of the project.

Eligible costs include:

- non-investment material costs,
- service costs,
- travel expenses,
- in exceptional and duly justified cases, personnel costs strictly necessary for the implementation of the project.

The grant may not be used to cover expenses for hospitality, gifts, or investment costs. Expenses related to international travel may only be covered if they are an integral part of the project.

Project proposal consultation:

For any questions regarding the preparation of applications, please contact Mgr. Veronika Jurečková (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 of the project to the field:** Artistic quality (expressive and technical) assessed in the context of the applicant's experience and year of study; contribution of the project to the development of the applicant and the field; ability for both conscious and intuitive creative exploration.
- **Feasibility of the project:** Realism of the proposed activities; coherence of the project with the implementation plan.
- **Formal preparation and clarity of the application:** Compliance with the announced scope; clarity and structured formulation of content and objectives; adequacy of the implementation plan, personnel arrangements, and timeline in relation to the expected outputs.
- **Appropriateness and structure of the budget:** Reasonableness of costs in relation to the expected outputs.
- Applicant's **portfolio**

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 Grant Agreement specifying the conditions for the use of the project funds will be signed with the successful applicants selected by the expert committee.

The grant recipient is responsible for the efficient and economical use of the funding in accordance with the purposes for which it was awarded. If the successful applicants selected by the expert committee fail

to appear for the signing of the agreement within the specified deadline, they may forfeit their entitlement to the grant.

Project finalisation:

The grant funds must be used within the calendar year for which they are designated. **The recipient submits a final report and an account of the use of grant funds electronically by November 30 of the given year**, or within one month after the project completion. Only in exceptional cases, where project implementation takes place until December 31 of the given year, may the recipient submit the final report by January 31 of the following year. The final report form will be published on the AVU website in the Creative Grant Competition – Student Projects section.