

Work grants

The Swiss Arts Council Pro Helvetia is providing work grants in the field of visual arts (incl. performance, new media, artist's books and photography). As a national institution, Pro Helvetia supplements the promotional activities of Swiss cantons and municipalities. Only the artists involved can submit applications.

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Criteria for support

The support measures are aimed at artists who are Swiss citizens or are permanently resident in Switzerland whose work enjoys cross-regional recognition. Eligible artists who actively participate in the Swiss art scene, have completed their artistic training and have a proven track record in their field. The project in question must represent a significant step in their artistic development.

Types of support

1. Research grant

A research grant gives artists greater freedom and scope for experiments and in-depth research as the basis for a well-founded implementation process of their new project. On request, an amount of CHF 5,000 can be granted. All possible process steps are eligible for support, including expansion of research, procurement of material and any other measure conducive to the production of the new work of art.

Dossier contents

- One PDF document with detailed project description, timetable, estimated budget and financing plan.
- One PDF document with a portfolio documenting recent projects (including links to videos etc.), Curriculum vitae

Contribution

Research grants are limited to CHF 5,000.

2. Production grant

A production grant supports artists in the process of producing a new work and offers them greater freedom in the production phase. On request, an amount of up to CHF 25,000 can be granted. Projects selected are characterised by their artistic quality, a realistic execution plan, and the significance of the work for the development of the artist concerned.

Dossier contents

- One PDF document with detailed project description, timetable, estimated budget and financing plan.
- One PDF document with a portfolio documenting recent projects (including links to videos etc.), Curriculum vitae

Contribution

Production grants are limited to CHF 25,000 at most.

3. Production and presentation grant

This form of contribution supports the production of a new work of art in connection with its first public presentation. On request, an amount of up to CHF 25,000 can be granted. Criteria for a project to be selected in this category include the professional and artistic qualities of the artist concerned, the significance of the work for the artist's development, and the strategy behind the public presentation.

Dossier contents

- One PDF document with detailed project description, timetable, estimated budget and financing plan, confirmation from the organizer
- One PDF document with a portfolio documenting recent projects (including links to videos etc.w), Curriculum vitae

Contribution

Production and presentation grants are limited to CHF 25,000 at most.

Deadlines

Pro Helvetia accepts only applications submitted via www.myprohelvetia.ch.

Applications for all support measures must be submitted by **1 March** and **1 September** at the latest, and at least 4 months before the project concerned is realised. No retroactive contributions are granted.

Further information

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