



Open call Grensverlegger Travel Grant 2025

Grensverlegger Travel Grant for international development of artists and designers

The Grensverlegger Travel Grant supports artists and designers from the province of Utrecht in their artistic development by helping to fund international travel. We focus on the transformative impact this experience can have on your creative practice.

This grant covers up to 50% of your total costs, with the remaining 50% funded through other sources.

Who can apply?

This program is designed for professional visual artists and designers across all disciplines and career stages who live and/or work in the province of Utrecht. Applications are limited to individual artists or designers (not duos or groups), and bachelor students at art academies are not eligible.

What can you apply for?

The grant supports various forms of international experience, including residencies, study trips, and retreats. The Grensverlegger Travel Grant prioritizes creative development over public presentation. Your journey should focus on personal growth and artistic deepening rather than producing new work, executing a specific project, or mounting an exhibition. Your proposal must demonstrate a clear developmental goal. Applications focused solely on project execution are not eligible.

Assessment process

The art commission of the K.F. Hein Fonds evaluates all applications. The deadline for submission is **October 19, 2025**. Assessment criteria include:

- Professional status as an artist or designer (bachelor students excluded)
- Residence and/or work base in the province of Utrecht
- Clear justification for why this trip is essential for your artistic development at this particular moment, with a detailed explanation of your intended developmental goals
- A realistic, balanced budget and funding plan that demonstrates how you will cover the remaining 50% of costs
- Practical and achievable timeline
- Consideration of sustainable travel and accommodation options

Budget & Categories

Category A: Up to €5,000 for substantial applications involving longer stays, such as multi-month international residencies.

Category B: Up to €1,000 for shorter experiences such as study trips and professional visits.

The K.F. Hein Fonds contributes a maximum of 50% of total costs and can also provide guidance during trip preparation, including support with additional funding applications to third parties (particularly for Category A applications). Our annual budget is €12,000, with one application cycle in 2025. As a reference point, last year we supported six artists with this budget. All funded activities must be completed within one year.

Ongoing support and communication

We view the Grensverlegger Travel Grant as a mentorship process and maintain regular contact throughout your trip preparation. We also appreciate updates during your visit and ask you to document your experience through a blog or vlog. Upon your return, we request a brief report for the Art Commission describing the impact of your experience.

Application requirements

To apply for the Grensverlegger Travel Grant, submit one PDF containing:

- Cover letter with your name, address, phone number, and date of birth
- Clear project description (maximum two A4 pages) explaining your plan and its relevance to your professional practice
- Curriculum vitae (including recent exhibitions)
- Portfolio of recent work (last 5 years) with maximum 20 images

Submit your application by email to hein@kfhein.nl by **October 19, 2025**. Only one submission per applicant is accepted. Applications may be written in Dutch or English.

Beyond evaluating the technical merits of your application, we place significant emphasis on the project's relevance to your artistic journey at this specific moment in your career. We also assess the feasibility of your plan, realistic scheduling, and balanced budgeting. Collaboration with external partners can strengthen your application.

We prioritize sustainable travel practices. Train travel is preferred and encouraged. Air travel must be carbon neutral with verified CO2 compensation through organizations such as the Fair Climate Fund or Trees for All. These compensation costs should be included in your grant budget.

Timeline

- Deadline: **October 19, 2025, 11:59 PM**
- Results announced: **Week of November 17, 2025**
- Departure: **By early December 2026 at the latest**

We expect to announce a new call for the K.F. Hein Grensverlegger Travel Grant in 2026.

Additional information

Unfortunately, we cannot provide individual feedback on unsuccessful applications. By submitting an application for this travel grant, you agree to the [Privacy Policy](#) of the K.F. Hein Fonds.