



K.F. Hein Art & Design Award

The K.F. Hein Art & Design Award supports your development

Are you a visual artist or designer based in the province of Utrecht? We invite you to apply for the K.F. Hein Art & Design Award (formerly the K.F. Hein Stipend). This award supports you in your development. It gives you the opportunity to focus on a personal development step for one year. As winner of the K.F. Hein Art & Design Award, you receive 25,000 euros and the opportunity to exhibit at the Centraal Museum.

How to participate

You can apply with a proposal for a personal development step that leads to creating new work. This award is open to artists and designers at the beginning of their career, as well as artists with years of experience who want to take a new step. The submission deadline is **April 1, 2026**. After this, we ask five artists to develop their proposal further into a specified development plan and present it to the jury on September 4. The jury consists of members of the Art Committee of the K.F. Hein Fonds, the artistic director of the Centraal Museum, and the winner of the previous edition of this award.

The award package

We announce the winner from the five nominees in September. This winner receives the award and the assignment to execute the developed proposal and create a presentation at Utrecht Lokaal of the Centraal Museum in autumn 2027. We give the other four nominees 1,500 euros for their developed proposal. You can also submit your application in English.

Collaboration with the Centraal Museum

We collaborate with the Centraal Museum for this award. This means the work created with this award can be shown directly to the public. We want to stimulate the art climate in the province of Utrecht with this collaboration. Previous winners include (2012), [Jeroen van Loon](#) (2014), [Britt Dorenbosch](#) (2016), [Eva Spierenburg](#) (2018), [Jaya Pelupessy](#) (2020), [Cyanne van den Houten](#) (2022) en [Heleen Mineur](#) (2024), when the award was still called the K.F. Hein Stipendium.

Jury 2026

- Cees van Eijk (chair)
- Britt Dorenbosch
- Said Belhadj
- Adinda van Wely
- Beatrice Puijk
- Vincent de Boer
- Felicia Piga
- Bart Rutten (director Centraal Museum)
- Heleen Mineur (winner K.F. Hein Stipendium 2024)

Submission and privacy

You can submit your application until April 1, 2026 by emailing hein@kfhein.nl. Read [our regulations](#) for the requirements of a submission and the procedure. When you apply for the K.F. Hein Art & Design Award, we comply with our [privacy policy](#) (in Dutch).

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