

fondskwadraat

Interest free loans for visual artists, photographers and designers

The foundation Fonds Kwadraat provides visual artists, photographers and designers with interest-free loans. The loan can be used to cover the expenses of various projects and productions (such as an exhibition or presentation, a fashion collection, a prototype or a artist's book), to buy equipment etc. A loan can be supplementary to subsidies (Mondriaan Fonds, Stimuleringsfonds) or other financial resources.

APPLICATIONS AND MEETING DATES

The committee convenes five times a year. You can find the deadlines to apply on the website: www.fondskwadraat.nl/lening

Who can apply?

Professional visual artists, photographers, fashion designers, designers, architects and multimedia artists. In addition, art academy students (post-graduates and students in their final year) may also submit an application, if they comply with certain conditions.

The loan

The maximum amount of a loan is € 8,000. The loan will be paid off in monthly instalments within a three-year period. For instance: for a € 3,500 loan, the instalment amounts to € 97,22 a month for 36 months. Accelerated repayment is always allowed. For students the maximum amount for a loan is € 800, to be paid back in 20 instalments of € 40.

Fonds Kwadraat asks for a one-only contribution of 2.5 percent of the loan. The contribution is charged when the loan is granted. Example: the contribution for a loan of € 3,500 comes to €87,50. The loan will be repaid in 36 instalments of € 97,22. The first payment is about 12 weeks after the monies have been provided.

The application

You can apply in seven steps with the form on the website. An application consists of

- Your contact information,
- The application form in which you insert:
- CV
- a brief description of your work,
- a project plan including motivation
- the budget of your plan
- Professional documentation of recent work
- Copy of income tax form and a copy of the tax assessment

(Go to www.fondskwadraat.nl/lening-aanvragen en follow the seven steps. But please, first read the 'Application Instruction ENG in 7 steps' on www.fondskwadraat.nl/lening).

For loans above € 5,000, a personal security is required. Students must provide a security for the full loan amount.

The committee judges the applications on:

- professionalism (CV, diplomas, exhibitions)
- general quality of the work (based on sales, galleries, committee's opinion)
- quality and interest value of the project to which the loan applies (originality, topicality, accounting for expenses, presentation to the public, distribution)

Loan application instructions

Request a loan in just 7 steps

Step 1: enter the desired amount

Step 2: complete your contact information

Step 3: fill in the discipline (visual art / photography / design etc, max. 3) and your education in art / design, max 2.

Step 4: Download the Word document and insert:

- CV, maximum 2 pages, the last five years (education in Art or Design, exhibitions, awards, articles, subsidies etc.).
- A brief explanation of your art/design work (artist statement, max. 120 words).
- Your project proposal with motivation (maximum 1 A4: What, When, Where and Why).
- The budget (the costs of the project, what are the other incomes, how will you pay back the loan).

Save the document as Word or PDF, and upload it.

Step 5: upload **one** pdf with visual documentation of recent work, up to 12 images, with a description for each image (title, year, technique, exhibition etc).

You can also send the pdf with images digitally, for example via www.wetransfer.com to info@fondskwadraat.nl. In that case, upload at least one image.

If you would like to show multiple film clips, please make a compilation from which the different fragments are individually playable.

Books are welcome as documentation. Please send them by post to Fonds Kwadraat, Overhoeksplein 2, Lab 101, 1031 KS Amsterdam.

Step 6: Upload financial information (most recent financial statement / tax return)

Step 7: submit the application.

You'll receive a confirmation within two days. If not, please contact us.

If you have any doubts or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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