

Open Call for Scholarship applications
International Summer Academy of Fine Arts
20 July – 29 August 2026

Information on scholarships and how to apply is available [here](#).
Application deadline: 7 April 2026

The International Summer Academy of Fine Arts Salzburg presents its current course programme. The Summer Academy sees itself as a place of **Common Ground** and togetherness – a counterposition to the challenges raging in the world, formed through a purposely shared culture of discussion, artistic work and personal encounters. The diverse backgrounds and life-worlds of the individual participants come together for a brief period, enabling productive collaboration. The strength and the potential of the Summer Academy lies in this diversity, as well as in the age and education of the participants, leading to a unique exchange of ideas in which everyone benefits.

This year, **21 courses** will be held in two locations: **Hohensalzburg Fortress** and the **Untersberg quarry**.

Invited lecturers are:

Mojé Assefjah (painting), **Mirela Baciak / Denis Maksimov** (lecture performance), **Biennale Urbana** (architecture / urbanism), **Walter Bruno Brix** (free sewing / stitching), **Rossen Daskalov** (printmaking), **Louisa Elderton** (art critique / writing), **Julie Hayward** (sculpture / object / installation), **Benjamin Hirte** (sculpture), **Thalia Hoffman / Manar Zuabi** (food art / performance / mixed-media), **Christian Macketanz** (painting), **Pablo Martínez-Zárte** (film / video / sound / installation / interactive media), **Christian Kosmas Mayer** (sculpture / installation / mixed-media), **Peter Miller** (analogue film), **Stephie Morawetz** (art jewellery / performance), **Taiwo Jacob Ojudun / Uche Emmanuel Enechukwu** (performance / dance / theatre / mixed media), **Elizabeth Pich** (comic / drawing), **Mafalda Rakoš** (photography), **Heinz Riegler** (sound / installation / video / mixed media), **Curtis Talwst Santiago** (painting / sound), **Christian Schwarzwald** (drawing), **Hannah Tilson / Otis Blease** (silk-screen printing).

Information on the entire course programme is available [here](#).

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Scholarships

Closing date for applications: 7 April 2026

The Summer Academy offers numerous scholarships, most of which cover the course fees, while a few include travel and accommodation costs.

Scholarships are awarded by an independent jury of experts.

- The **Society of Friends** awards scholarships for which anyone may apply. These cover the fees for one Summer Academy course.
- The **Cultural fund of the Town of Salzburg** awards scholarships for which anyone may apply. These cover the fees for one Summer Academy course.
- The **Federal Ministry for Housing, Arts, Culture, Media and Sport** awards scholarships for art students from the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Croatia, North Macedonia, Moldavia, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Ukraine. They include fees for one course, 200 Euros travel expenses and accommodation costs of 190 Euros per week.
- The **Province of Salzburg** awards "solidarity scholarships" for which refugees or asylum seekers may apply. They include fees for one course, travel and accommodation expenses and a daily allowance.
- The **Province of Salzburg** awards scholarships for gifted students in the 7th and 8th grades of general secondary schools, as well as students of vocational schools, and for students of art and architecture with a connection to Salzburg. These cover the fees for one Summer Academy course.
- The **zt: Federal Chamber of Architects and Chartered Engineering Consultants** awards scholarships for the architecture course, covering the course fees.

Further awarding bodies (applications to be sent directly to the awarding body):

ERSTE Foundation

American Austrian Foundation

Vienna University of Applied Arts
Kingston School of Art, London
Münster Academy of Art
Zurich University of the Arts
Friends of the Leipzig Academy of Fine Arts
Free State of Bavaria / Art Academies in Munich and Nuremberg
Province of Vorarlberg
Dresden Academy of Fine Arts
Haifa University

Regular application

Closing date: 1 May 2026

Application is open to all, since no qualifications are required. Each course director will decide, on the basis of work and documents submitted, on acceptance of applicants. All applications received by 1 May will be treated equally. Later applications will be accepted according to capacity, and processed in the order in which they are received.

Course fees

Two-week course: 670 Euro (reduced: 495 Euro)

Three-week course: 890 Euro (reduced: 635 Euro)

Reduced fees apply to students, social welfare recipients and members of the Society of Friends of the Summer Academy.

International Summer Academy of Fine Arts since 1953

The International Summer Academy of Fine Arts in Hohensalzburg Fortress, founded in 1953 by the famous Austrian artist **Oskar Kokoschka** (1886-1980) as a "School of Seeing", is the oldest of its kind in Europe. Currently, the 21 courses are attended by some 300 participants from around 50 different countries, making the Academy an international place for the lively exchange of creative and artistic ideas.

The Academy offers:

- an open application procedure for anyone interested
- no qualifications required
- a unique opportunity to study with outstanding international artists, curators, collectives, art educators, researchers and writers
- an extensive scholarship programme

- room for students to devote themselves exclusively to the artistic process or the development of ideas, and at the same time to learn about and reflect on art and its discourses
- courses based on both personal support and group discussion
- a unique historical setting amid an Alpine landscape
- a wide-ranging programme of events with cultural partners in Salzburg
- access to art literature and journals