

# fondskwadraat

## **Interest free loans for visual artists, photographers and designers**

The foundation Fonds Kwadraat is a Dutch stimulation fund for creative professionals with inspiration and ideas. The fund provides artists, architects, designers and multimedia artists 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 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](http://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 you 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](http://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](http://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)

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#### ORGANIZATION

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Committee

*Aliki van der Kruijs, designer*

*Luuk Wilmering, artist*

*Martine Stig, photographer*

*Barend Santen, lawyer and art collector*

Board

*Jennifer Tee – chairman (artist)*

*Paul Müller – treasurer (banker Van Lanschot Bankiers)*

*Annette Mullink – secretary (fundraising, subsidy recruitment, project management)*

*Dennis Stam – general board member (lawyer, deputy director at Fonds Podiumkunsten)*

*Marleen Engbersen – general board member (advisor strategy for designers)*

**Fonds Kwadraat is happy to work with:**

- **Mondriaan Fund**

- **Creative Industries Fund**

- **CBK Rotterdam**

- **DOEN Foundation**

- **Fotofonds FBHW**