

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.

Who can apply?

Professional artists, 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 installments within a three-year period. For instance: for a € 3,500 loan, the installment amounts to € 100 a month for 35 months. Accelerated repayment is always allowed. For students the maximum amount for a loan is € 800.

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 35 installments of € 100. The first payment is about 12 weeks after the monies have been provided.

The application

You can apply with the form on the website. An application consists of:

- CV
- professional documentation of recent work
- general description of work
- a project plan, including motivation
- budget, preferably including quotations
- copy of income tax form and a copy of the tax assessment

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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Fonds Kwadraat is happy to work with:

- **Mondriaan Fund**
- **Creative Industries Funds**
- **CBK Rotterdam**
- **DOEN Foundation**
- **Fotofonds FBHW**