

Designers in Residence

The town of Pforzheim invites young international designers to Pforzheim for three months as part of its scholarship program »Designers in Residence«.

Conditions,

The scholarship program is directed towards young international designers in the areas of jewellery, fashion, accessories, industrial and communication design as well as other design disciplines. Applicants must have completed studies at an university of applied sciences or university, must either not be older than 35 years or must have completed their studies not longer than two years ago. To apply, a proposal for a project that can be implemented during the scholarship must be submitted. Interdisciplinary project proposals are welcome. Language skills in German or English are required.

Scholarship benefits,

In total there will be three scholarships. Of all applications, the three best will be considered. The scholarship includes use of fully equipped workshop and coworking workplaces in the EMMA Creative Center in Pforzheim and free accommodation for the period of three months. As required, it will also be possible to use the workshop facilities of the Pforzheim University of Applied Sciences. In addition, each scholarship holder will receive a monthly support of 1,000 euros together with travel costs for the journey from and back to home. A special allowance will be made available for material costs. During the scholarship, there is the opportunity to network and exchange ideas with the jury and professors at Pforzheim University.

The results of the scholarship will be presented in an exhibition at the EMMA Creative Center in Pforzheim. Those accepting the scholarship are required to be in residence. The scholarship holder may only be absent for a maximum of 10 days.

The period of residence in Pforzheim is from April 1 to June 30, 2027.

Application,

Please hand in your application online:

<https://veranstaltungen.emma-pf.de/en/events/designers-in-residence-2027>

The application must be made in English.

After a scholarship has been granted a further application is not permitted.

There are no registration fees.

The deadline for applications is **Monday, November 2nd 2026, 23:59 CET**

Confirmation of a scholarship will be made **mid-December 2026**.

Documents,

Applicants have to submit the following documents during the online application:

- Curriculum vitae including details of previous grants, awards, prizes
- proof of final degree, where appropriate with a certified translation into German or English
- Work samples: products / models, photographs or other pictures of the design work (folder, catalogue)
- Project outline

Jury,

Almut Benkert, Head of Creative Industries, Pforzheim

Anja Kaiser, graphic designer and artist, Leipzig

Seetal Solanki, materials designer, researcher and writer, London

Luzia Vogt, jewellery artist, Basel

Charlett Wenig, material researcher and industrial designer, Berlin

The decision to award the scholarship will be made by the whole jury. There is no legal right to a scholarship. The applicants will be advised in writing of the respective decision, whereby the grounds for the decision will not be explained.

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