

International call for art scholarship

"Smile"

The Bösenberg Foundation, in cooperation with the Künstlerhaus Meinersen (Meinersen Artists' House), is offering an art scholarship for 2026 for visual artists with a residency at the Künstlerhaus Meinersen.

"Smiling" has a magical effect. The "Mona Lisa's Smile" is the most expensive painting in the world, and a subtle smile has often elicited special reactions from the viewer. This scholarship focuses on the artistic exploration of the phenomenon of "smiling."

Benefits:

The scholarship includes a monthly stipend of €1000 and rent-free accommodation at the Künstlerhaus Meinersen (living and studio space).

At the end of the scholarship, a solo exhibition will be held at the Künstlerhaus Meinersen.

Duration: April 15, 2026 – March 28, 2027

Conditions: The scholarship recipient is required to live and work primarily at the artists' residence during the scholarship period; attendance is mandatory.

The works created during this time must be made accessible to the public in consultation with the Bösenberg Foundation and the board of the Künstlerhaus Meinersen association.

The applicant acknowledges this condition upon submission of the application documents.

Applications:

Young art school graduates with German or English language skills and whose degree was awarded no more than five years ago are eligible to apply.

Applications, including a brief description of the project idea, CV, and a selection of works, should be sent by email to dirk-boesenberg@web.de

Application deadline: February 15, 2026

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