

Kunst mentorat NRW

Call for Applications: Season 5

Deadline: 12 January 2025

For the fifth time in a row, Landesbüro für Bildende Kunst (LaB K) and Kunsthaus NRW invite prospects to apply for *Kunstmentorat NRW*, the 1:1-mentoring program supported by the ministry of culture and science of North-Rhine Westphalia. During 12 months, seven mentees engage in a personal and professional exchange with mentors who derive from our pool of mentors. The *Kunstmentorat* addresses visual artists residing in North-Rhine Westphalia, both graduates from art schools and newcomers to NRW with a national or international background. Those applicants shall look forward to networking within this local art scene and professionalizing themselves.

With adept mentors, this one-to-one mentoring shall benefit the mentees to refine their communication in their practice, expand their network and visibility, and work on their artistic development. Moreover, next to the regular exchange with their artist colleagues, bringing the mentees in touch with other professionals from the scene (e.g., curators) is another aim of this program. Therefore, the project coordination organizes meeting points such as excursions. Also, tandems are encouraged to schedule studio visits themselves. Further, on several occasions, the Kunsthaus NRW shall invite the group of tandems, for example, to a one-day summer school.

Next to the main mentoring program, mentees will have privileged access to take part in the training program or the discussion events of *Mobile Akademie*, which are both organized by LaB K. This qualification program stretches from seminars and workshops to consultation services (digital or in presence). Such attend to topics of the artist profession, such as web design and portfolio, self-marketing, social media or techniques such as videography and communication. Further, these sessions deal with questions about taxes, law or social insurances.

Due to this schedule and the dialogic exchange as the mentoring's basis, the mentee should be willing to take some time to take part in *Kunstmentorat*. This means, not only taking time for the meetings with the mentor but also for them framework program planned for the year 2025/26 (see below).

What expects you at Kunstmentorat 2025:

- seven places in this season
- 12 months duration (period starting from the end of March 2025)
- one-to-one mentoring with a selected artist mentor (selection of a mentor from the mentors' pool. You can specify three desired mentors)
- getting to know the networks of the NRW art scene
- three major events in presence with the whole season's group at Kunsthaus NRW Aachen-Kornelimünster or LaB K's headquarters, Düsseldorf (spring, late summer, 3rd date in the first quarter of 2026)
- excursions within NRW organized by the project coordination (first is planned for May 2025)
- possibility to organize a final group project at the end of 2025 / beginning for 2026
- versatile training program on the professional practice as independent artists and much more
- financial support of the tandem-meetings between mentee and mentor (i.d., travel expenses or trips in NRW or the border regions)
- flexibility between monthly tandem meetings in person or via video call

We are looking forward to applications from visual artists:

- of all ages, genders and nationality
- with graduation from an international or national art academy or school
- who are resident in NRW
- with sufficient German or English language skills
- with first experiences of artistic practice
- with the motivation and willingness to explore one's practice and that of other artists and to take part in the framework program
- with enough time to take an active part in *Kunstmentorat* throughout the year

Schedule of the application phase:

Period: 3 December 2024 – 12 January 2025

Deadline: not later than 12 January 2025

Jury meeting: mid-February

Matching phase (vote of the mentors, initial matching with mentees):
between mid-February and the beginning of March

More information under [“What is the Kunstmentorat?”](#) and [“Application as Mentee”](#).
There you will find contact and application details and our application form.

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