

SITE-SPECIFIC ART

HOW TO APPLY – ADMISSION & APPLICATION PROCESS for 2026/27

Thank you for your interest in the Department of Site-Specific Art!

The **Entrance Examination** consists of **two rounds**. Each round requires a positive assessment to move on to the next round. **Round 1** consists of your **online application including a digital portfolio**. **Round 2** requires a **practical exam** as well as a **personal interview** on site in **Vienna**.

Applications are accepted for the October 2026 intake (academic year 2026/27).

ROUND 1: January 8 – 22, 2026

REGISTRATION & SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: Online only!

The **first part** of the **Entrance Examination** includes an assessment of the application and portfolio of your work. You are required to submit **1 APPLICATION-PDF** (20 MB max.), which consists of **3 parts** providing the following material (**German or English is possible**)

1. CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

- Personal details (name, telephone, email, passport photo as proof of identity)
- Language skills
- Educational background, previous qualifications and/or evidence of professional experience

2. DIGITAL PORTFOLIO

- Documentation of your artistic work, which shows your individual interest.
- Work samples and concepts may include various media such as graphic works, photography, installation, sculpture, painting, video, performance, sound, text, etc.
- Links to videos hosted on sites such as Vimeo, YouTube, Soundcloud, etc. should be embedded in the pdf, please make sure that they are publicly viewable or provide the passwords. Without password, the files won't be viewed.

3. MOTIVATION LETTER

A **short written statement**, to outline your motivation to study on the program. Why you want to become an artist? What are your art related interests, etc.? (1 page max.)

The complete digital **APPLICATION-PDF** (20 MB max.) should be named and uploaded to the online link, which will be active from **January 8 – 22, 2026, until 1pm (CET noon)**, on the main Website of the University of Applied Arts: <https://application.uni-ak.ac.at/>

Please apply the following naming convention: LastName_FirstName

With the upload of the **APPLICATION-PDF** you are automatically registered and your application will be processed!

REVIEW and NOTIFICATION of applicants admitted to ROUND 2: Friday, February 6, 2026
the latest.

- Your application will be reviewed by the department's **main teaching staff** including the Head of the Program and the University Assistants.
- If successful at assessment of **Round 1**, you will receive an email invitation to proceed with **Round 2**

ROUND 2: February 23 – February 27, 2026

PRACTICAL EXAM AND INTERVIEW on site in Vienna!

(A hybrid format is possible in exceptional cases, such as illness, visa issues, political circumstances, etc.)

Monday, February 23, 2026, 10 am: Start of practical exam

Handout and explanation of the tasks/questions.

At the **Department of Site-Specific Art**, Paulusplatz 5, 1030 Vienna, 2^d floor (seminar room).

Zoom link for online applicants.

Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 4–6 pm, submission of works

On this day it is possible to work on site from **10 am – 6 pm** at the **Department of Site-Specific Art**, on the 2nd floor (seminar room).

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Individual interviews with the applicants, 9am–6pm in the seminar room on the 2^d floor at **Paulusplatz 5, 1030 Vienna.**

Zoom link for online applicants.

The practical part consists of

- A Practical exam (conceptual/creative/written tasks), which takes 3 days.
- A personal interview with the teaching staff and student representatives at the fixed time on site.
- The practical part can be done in German or English.

NOTIFICATION of your application outcome: Friday, March 13, 2026 at the latest via personal email.

We would like to point out that no travel expenses can be covered.

THE STUDY PROGRAM starts as of October 2026.

For more information on our study program we suggest you attend one of the **Personal Info Meetings** and **Portfolio Consultations**. Details info can be found on our website and are updated regularly.

Aspiring students are also encouraged to attend the Department of **Site-Specific Art's public lectures and events**, which are announced on our website.

In general, we invite you to check our **website** <http://ortsbezogenekunst.at> and our **Instagram** account www.instagram.com/ortsbezogene

A **short guided tour** through the department's **facilities** can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/483610874>

Further information on the department can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/615972177>

If you have **general questions about the admissions process**, the study program or its curriculum, you can get in touch with the **Department of Site-Specific Art**, Maria Stepanek: ortsbezogenekunst@uni-ak.ac.at, +43171133–2431

Questions regarding Student Visa, notarized documents, degrees, translations, fees or enrolment at the University of Applied Arts can be directed to the **Student and Academic Affairs Office** at: studien@uni-ak.ac.at, +43171133–2060

We are looking forward to your application!