

START INTO THE PHD-PROGRAMM HANDOUT



At the Arts University Linz, there is one curriculum for the PhD-program for all departments and disciplines. The PhD-program serves to support and further develop independent artistic and/or scientific work. Artistic, artistic-scientific as well as scientific PhD-projects are possible. The joint PhD-Program for all disciplines allows for a high volatility between the different fields of study and foci as well as between scientific, artistic and artistic-scientific approaches. The PhD-program has a minimum duration of six semesters. The PhD-students are considered as “early-stage researchers”.

Application Process to the PhD-Program

Deadlines for applying to the PhD-program can be found at www.ufg.at/phd/aktuelles. To apply, please submit the following documents by the applicable deadlines:

- Certificates of your degrees and – in the case of non-Austrian degrees – Diploma Supplement
- Exposé
- Application for admission including a supervision consent by at least one supervisor (application can be downloaded at www.ufg.at/phd/links)

in digital form to veronika.schwediauer@ufg.at. You will receive an e-mail confirming the receipt of your application.

1. Information

Please inform yourself in detail about the PhD-program on our homepage www.ufg.at/phd. In order to clarify questions regarding the application process as well as the PhD-program, **study counseling dates** are offered on a regular basis. Attendance is **mandatory**. Current dates can be found at www.ufg.at/phd/aktuelles.

2. Exposé

PhD-candidates must provide potential supervisors with a comprehensible description of their PhD project and the planned process as well as supplementary documents relevant to the project, such as portfolios or selected literature or artistic references.

3. Determination of PhD-Supervisors

You can contact a supervisor who is suitable for your project and request supervision. A list of possible PhD-supervisors at the Arts University Linz can be downloaded at www.ufg.at/phd/links.

If there is interest in a collaboration and the exposé is rated as good, a supervision consent can be given. This is done by signing the “Application for Admission”. For an application to the PhD program, the signature of a first supervisor of the University of Art and Design Linz is required.

The supervisor can also suggest further elaboration and improvement of the exposé.

The University of Art and Design Linz encourages and supports the supervision by a team, i.e. by two supervisors, as it offers many advantages. The first supervisor should be one of the PhD-supervisors at the Arts University Linz. Second supervisors, however, can also be from other universities, but must have a doctoral/PhD supervision authorization and should be determined at the latest when the supervision agreement is concluded.

4. Examination of the eligibility for enrollment through previous degrees.

Eligibility for enrollment in the PhD-program is based on the completion of a subject-related diploma or master's degree program, diploma or master's degree program at a university of applied sciences or other equivalent program at a recognized domestic or foreign post-secondary educational institution.

The certificates of your degrees and the Diploma Supplement are required to verify that you are eligible for enrollment in the PhD-program by virtue of your degrees.

5. Review of the Exposés by the Research Board

The [Research Board](#) reviews and approves the exposés in the course of the PhD application process. The meetings of the Research Board take place in mid-March for the summer semester and in mid-October for the winter semester. You will be informed of the results of the review immediately.

6. Enrollment

If your exposé is approved by the Research Board, you can complete your enrollment until the end of extended admission period (end of April in the summer semester, end of November in the winter semester) at the [Admission and Examination Department](#). Please be sure to observe the applicable deadlines! More information: <https://www.ufg.at/Studium-und-Zulassung>

PhD-Phase_Requirements

- **Conclusion of the Supervision Agreement:** is a research contract between PhD-student and supervisor, which includes rights and obligations of both parties as well as all services and work steps to be fulfilled until the defense; must be submitted digitally to the Department Art.Research | PhD no later than six months after enrollment; a template can be downloaded here: www.ufg.at/phd/links
- **Progress reports:** 1-2 pages once per year must be submitted to the PhD-supervisors
- **PhD Colloquium:** takes place once a semester; dates → www.ufg.at/phd/aktuelles

Important Notes

- **PhD-Email-List:** please subscribe! → www.ufg.at/phd/links
- **Current notes on the homepage** → www.ufg.at/phd/aktuelles
- **Internal university training courses open to PhD-candidates:** <http://www.ufg.ac.at/PE-Weiterbildung.8958.0.html>
- **Office space for PhD-candidates available**
- **Advice on funding opportunities** → Department Art.Research | PhD
- **Support, assistance, also in case of conflicts etc.** → Department Art.Research | PhD
- **PhD student representation of the ÖH**

Contact

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For enrollment → [Admission and Examination Department](#), Hauptplatz 6, 4020 Linz, studien.office@ufg.at