



INFORMATION SHEET
On the award of Berlin's comics stipends for 2023

In 2023 – subject to the availability of funds – Berlin's Senate Department for Culture and Europe will award work stipends in the field of comics and graphic novels.

The application deadline is 06.10.2022 at 6 p.m.

Please note: Online applications **must be received by 6 p.m.** Transfers that have started will **be automatically cancelled after this time.**

Target group

The stipends are intended to support professional comic artists or groups whose main place of residence is Berlin.

Purpose of funding

The grants are intended for further artistic training. Funding is available for comic artists or groups who are striving for further artistic development or want to realise specific work projects (e.g. work on a specific topic or format, short story collections or web comics are also possible, development of new / different work techniques, etc.).

The purpose of the work stipend is also to support innovative developments in the Berlin comics scene and to promote greater public appreciation of comics as an independent art form that exists on an equal footing with literature, film and the visual arts.

The intended work and the work sample do not have to refer to Berlin in terms of content.

Eligibility and conditions

1. The applicants demonstrate their creative ability either through previously published comic projects or through work samples that demonstrate an artistic ability.
2. A repeated application is possible, also with a project that has already been submitted for the comic stipends since 2018. Only one application is possible per applicant.
3. Applicants live and work in Berlin. In the case of groups, the majority of the group members must live and work in Berlin.

Exclusion

Artists who are enrolled in an artistic training course at a higher education institution or who hold a professorship at the time of application are not eligible to apply. Further education and retraining programmes are no obstacle to eligibility.

Jury members and employees of the Senate Department for Culture and Europe, as well as their family members, are not allowed to apply.

Funding volume

The work stipends are endowed with 2,000 EUR per month. The duration of the scholarship depends on the scope of the work project. Work stipends can be awarded for 4, 8 or 12 months. On the application form, the amount of 24,000 EUR is stated as a fixed application amount. Payment will be made monthly, probably starting in January 2023.

The jury decides on the number of projects to be funded and the amount of funding to be allocated to each application and makes appropriate proposals. This may include reductions in relation to the amount of funding requested.

All stipends of the state of Berlin (work, research and cultural exchange stipends) can be combined up to an amount of 24.000 € per year.

The stipend holders will most likely be given the opportunity to present their artistic productions to the public. This event is expected to take place within the framework of the Comic Festival Comicinvasion Berlin 2023. The date and location are still to be determined.

The stipend holders are obliged to maintain their first place of residence in Berlin during the application process and the duration of the work stipend. The Senate Department for Culture and Europe must be informed immediately of any change of residence.

Allocation of funding

An independent jury decides on the applications. The names of the jury members will be announced here in due course.

We kindly ask you not to contact the jury members in advance of the procedure.

The criteria for the assessment are artistic and content quality as well as innovative aspects of the project.

All applicants will be notified of **the result of the jury meeting** in writing by e-mail in January 2023. The names of the funded artists will be announced to the public.

Application procedure

Applications – including all supporting documents – must be submitted online.

The online application form and the place to upload the required supporting documents can be found on the internet at:

<https://fms.verwalt-berlin.de/egokuef/egokuefservice/main>

Please choose the following funding programme:

Förderbereich/Funding area: Literatur

Förderprogramm/Funding Programme: Berliner Comicstipendien

Please do not use any old, saved links or links from external providers to access the online form, but only go to the online form via the website of the Senate Department for Culture and Europe or via the weblink above!

Do not forget to provide the link to your website on the application form (if you have one). Photos, videos or other documents that cannot be uploaded online (e.g. mp4 files) can be made available to the jury on the internet (password protected if necessary).
We will not accept any additional documents on paper.

Notes for the attachments:

The **application form** and the **brief description of the work project** contained therein (synopsis or scenario, maximum 1,900 characters including spaces) **as well as the detailed explanation of the work project** (annex under 1) must be submitted **in German**. The portfolio and the artistic curriculum vitae may be submitted in English if necessary.

Please note that merely linking to the requested documents, e.g. to a cloud, is not formally permitted.

1. Detailed description of the project

(5 MB maximum, docx / pdf file)

Please answer the following questions on the work stipend **in German; max. two pages:**

- a) What is unique about your artistic work? Why is the application relevant to you now?**
- b) What project would you potentially like to work on while you are receiving the stipend? Please outline the content, character and design of this project.**

File name for the online application: AV_applicant's name

2. Artist's CV

(1 MB maximum, docx / pdf file)

Please include stipends, prizes, and a list of publications (in German or English).

File name for the online application: CV_applicant's name

3. Work sample of the project described under 1.

(8 MB maximum, docx / pdf file)

A minimum of ten drawn pages giving an idea of the style and page layout.

Please state whether this is a draft or a final planned style and intended page layout.

File name for the online application: AP_applicant's name

4. **Portfolio on previous artistic work and any optional documentation and information material**
 (7 MB maximum, docx / pdf file)
 Publications of recent years or significant work samples if you have not yet published comics. Please specify publishing details for works that are currently publicly available. Please focus on works of the past three years (in German or English).
File name for the online application: DOKU_applicant's name
5. **A copy of the applicant's ID card / Personalausweis (front and back) or registration certificate (Meldebestätigung) issued by Berlin's residents registration office AND the members of the group involved (if a joint application is to be made)**
 In the case of group applications, the confirmations must be merged into one file. A copy of the passport is NOT sufficient, as it does not contain the registration address. If only the passport is available, it is mandatory to submit the passport AND the confirmation of registration.
 (2 MB maximum, docx / pdf file)
File name for the online application: MB_applicant's name
6. **A copy of the residence permit or the certificate of the right of residence of citizens from non-EU countries AND the members of the group involved (if a joint application is to be made)**
 (2 MB maximum, docx / pdf file)
File name for the online application: PASS_applicant's name
7. **Only for group applications (but mandatory there):**
GbR contract in the case of an existing GbR or GbR declaration with the signature of all group members if the group only formally joins together to form a GbR for the application.
 A work stipend is a personal grant. Therefore, only natural persons and GbRs consisting of natural persons are eligible to apply. Associations or similar are not eligible to apply.
 The declaration must be signed by all applicants involved - just as the registration address must be verified by all group members. If there is already a GbR contract, please submit a copy of it. Please use the "**Muster GbR-Erklärung**" from the website.
 (2 MB maximum, docx / pdf file)
File name: GbR_name of applicant

Application / Submission deadline

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We advise you to make sure you **start the application process in good time** and prepare all necessary supporting documents in advance.

Please also make sure you are using a **stable Internet connection with sufficient speed and bandwidth** to upload large amounts of data.

Further information on the online application process can be found in our FAQs (in German):

<http://www.berlin.de/sen/kultur/foerderung/antragscenter/artikel.85073.php>

Additional information

Only complete, formally and timely valid applications can be considered for the jury procedure. Missing documents will not be requested. Please check your application carefully for completeness before sending it electronically. Subsequent submissions are permitted **until the end of the application period at the latest**, provided they are unavoidable and absolutely necessary (e.g. extension of residence titles issued by the relevant authorities only after submission of the application).

All information will be treated confidentially and will only be used for decision-making and funding purposes (privacy policy in the online form).

If the grant can be considered state aid, this funding is being awarded on the basis of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (General Block Exemption Regulation) (OJ L 187/1, 26/6/2014).

Companies that have not complied with a recovery injunction based on a previous Commission decision on the inadmissibility of an instance of state aid and its incompatibility with the internal market will not be granted individual aid.

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