

PhD in Performing Arts and Film

Application deadline: **1 October 2022**

The Institute for the Performing Arts and Film (IPF) at Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK) invites applications from PhD candidates seeking to earn an artistic or an artistic-scientific doctorate in the performing arts (theatre, dance, performance) or in film in cooperation with one of our partner universities. Given that ZHdK is not entitled to award doctoral degrees in its own right, candidates must fulfil the admission requirements of the respective partner university. Research activities, supervision and events will take place proportionally in Zurich and at the partner university.

We are currently cooperating with four acclaimed arts universities:

- [Kunstuniversität Graz / Graz University of the Arts](#) (Theatre): Dr. artium Programme. Application deadline: 28 February 2023
- [Filmuniversität Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF / Babelsberg Film University Konrad Wolf](#) (Film: Screenplay/dramaturgy, film and television production, film culture and heritage): Scientific-artistic doctorate. Application deadlines: 15 January 2023 or 15 June 2023
- [Kunstuniversität Linz / Linz University of the Arts](#) (Transdisciplinary studies, performance, dance, theatre, film): Transdisciplinary Artistic PhD. Application deadlines: February or September 2023
- [Stockholm University of the Arts / Stockholm University of the Arts](#) (Choreography, performing arts, film and media). Application deadline: January/February 2024

What we offer:

- An innovative and pluralistic research environment in the field of *artistic research*; a committed and diverse community of experts; the opportunity to exchange ideas and knowledge with peers and experts; access to *artistic research networks*.
- Supervision by professors at ZHdK and the partner university.
- Active involvement in the Department of Performing Arts and Film's Junior Research Group, which provides innovative knowledge-sharing formats and ongoing peer-to-peer mentoring.
- Participation in ZHdK events, including PhD colloquia, annual PhD Days, Transferable Skills courses.
- Access to ZHdK infrastructure (studios, labs, equipment).
- Individual funding, e.g. travel grants (to ensure active participation in conferences, festivals, etc. and trips to the partner university); presentation and dissemination forums.
- Access to various funding structures, including production funding (up to CHF 10'000.– per PhD candidate).

For the 2023–2024 academic year, the ZHdK Department of Performing Arts and Film is supporting emerging researchers in applying to one of our partner universities. Selected applicants will receive a firm commitment from a supervisor, a letter of support from ZHdK, and advice on preparing a full PhD application.

We welcome applications from emerging researchers working in the fields of film, dance, theatre and performance, as well as from transdisciplinary artists whose work involves performative and/or cinematic processes.

Requirements: Master's degree (or equivalent) in an artistic discipline or art history and profound artistic practice over a period of several years. Residence in Switzerland is not required, but students must be willing to attend sessions in Zurich and at the partner university. Candidates who wish to earn a PhD degree in association with Graz University of the Arts must possess or be prepared to acquire a working knowledge of German (B2). We expect a genuine interest in transdisciplinary exchange, also with other arts, and a willingness to participate in the ZHdK research community. Besides engaging in activities at the partner university, candidates are expected to attend events in Zurich on a regular basis (approx. twice per semester) as well as contribute actively to our Junior Research Group.

How to apply:

Please submit a brief application to ZHdK and include the following documents:

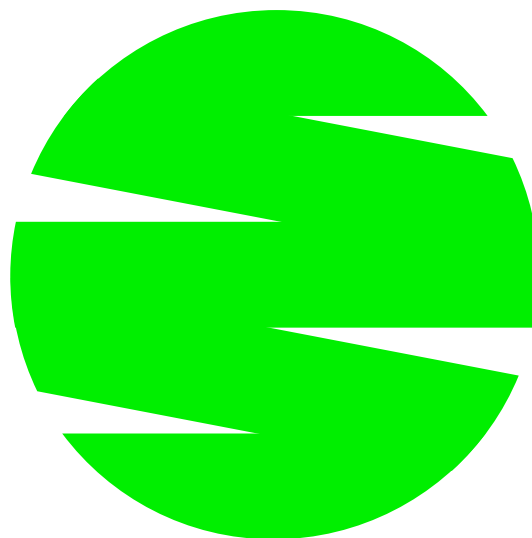
- Motivation letter mentioning the partner university and, if applicable, the preferred supervisor at ZHdK (1–2 pages) (list of potential [supervisors](#))
- Outline of PhD project (4 pages)
- 2-page tabular CV (if applicable including a link to a website/work samples)

The selection committee will shortlist 10 candidates by the end of October, who will be invited to a personal interview via Zoom.

Candidates who receive a positive recommendation and confirmation of support from ZHdK will be supported in their application to one of the partner universities (in accordance with the respective deadlines). Admissions decisions will be made at the [end of November 2022](#).

Further information on the 3rd Cycle Programme at the Department of Performing Arts and Film: www.3rd.zhdk.ch

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