



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### PEERS

#### Programme for Emerging Artistic Researchers

**PEERS** is a new pre-PhD programme of the Department of Performing Arts and Film at Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK). Its main aim is to support emerging artistic researchers who are interested in pursuing a doctorate in the arts, foremost yet not exclusively in the performing arts and film.

For a period of one year, starting in March 2021, participants will be offered the opportunity to benefit from an intensive mentoring and training programme. They will become part of the vibrant research environment at ZHdK (such as lab-practice, colloquia, symposia, research academy), and will gain access to the University's outstanding infrastructure and relevant professional networks. Participants will also benefit from peer-to-peer learning in the Junior Research Group and will receive tailored support aimed at promoting their individual development. They will be assisted in developing their individual research plan, as well as in searching and applying for artistic PhD programmes at ZHdK and beyond.

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## PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

- **Mentoring: PEERS** participants will be mentored by two experts, who will act as supervisors of the 3rd Cycle Programmes either at ZHdK or at international partner universities. Every participant will receive 44 mentoring hours during the year (equivalent to one contact hour a week during the semester).
- **Workshops & training:** Three intensive workshops and classes on artistic research methods, application strategies for PhD programmes, and presentation skills (14 days in total).
- **Junior Research Group (JRG): PEERS** participants will join the JRG's PhD candidates. The JRG offers innovative collaboration formats, practice-led research and ongoing peer-to-peer-learning.
- **International exchange:** The **PEERS** programme collaborates with innovative 3rd Cycle Programmes at Amsterdam University of the Arts and UdK Berlin, as well as with partner institutions of the PhD Programme. Exchange is fostered by joint events during the year that are open to **PEERS** participants.
- **Individual development:** Every participant will be awarded up to CHF 6'000 (to cover travel expenses for conferences/festivals, an international summer residency, career development, etc.).

The programme also provides access to ZHdK's infrastructure (desks, studios, labs, IT and technical equipment, libraries, internal further education, support by the ZHdK Grants Office and the Institute for the Performing Arts and Film, IPF).

For more information and a schedule of activities: <https://blog.zhdk.ch/dritterzyklusddk/>

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## HOW TO APPLY

We are looking for five mid-career artists with profound artistic practice in theatre, dance, performance or film. Candidates must hold an MA or an equivalent degree. They will be expected to develop research and peer learning methodologies, as well as a viable research plan.

### In order to apply, please submit:

- CV (max. 4 A4 pages, min. font size 10); an artistic portfolio containing up to 3 samples of artistic practice (link to a website or vimeo, etc.) providing evidence of at least 5 years of professional artistic work.
- Motivation letter, including an outline of one's research interest (max. 2 A4 pages, min. font size 10)
- A short video statement (VIMEO, max. 5 minutes) that responds to the following questions: How do you expect transdisciplinary peer-to-peer exchange to advance your own practice? What do you want to bring to the **PEERS** programme?
- Mandatory: a short project description (max. 2 A4 pages, min. font size 10)
- Copy of MA degree certificate (or equivalent)

Applications may be submitted in English or German. Zurich University of the Arts is committed to equal opportunities and to advancing inclusion and diversity.

Application deadline: **15 December 2020 (5 pm Swiss local time)**. Please submit your application as a single PDF file to: [peers.ipf@zhdk.ch](mailto:peers.ipf@zhdk.ch).

Candidates will be informed by the **end of December 2020** whether they have been shortlisted for the **PEERS** programme. The shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a Zoom interview on either 11 or 21 January 2021. The programme will begin in March 2021 (detailed schedule: <https://blog.zhdk.ch/dritterzyklusddk/>).

Zoom Q&A: Friday, 6 November 2020, 12–1.30 pm and Monday, 9 November, 4–5.30 pm (Swiss local time): Candidates will have the opportunity to discuss their questions directly with Yvonne Schmidt, **PEERS** programme director. To register and receive the Zoom link, please e-mail [peers.ipf@zhdk.ch](mailto:peers.ipf@zhdk.ch).