

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS / 2021

Master Performing Public Space

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Who should I contact for general questions about the program?

Master PPS e-mail: fhkpublicspace@fontys.nl

Who should I contact about questions regarding my application status?

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PROGRAM

What is the starting date of Master Performing Public Space?

The study year 2022/23 kicks-off on Monday August 29, 2022.

Please note you will not be asked to travel to the Netherlands on this date. The kickoff will be ONLINE only.

You will receive your log-in details for the online learning environment and will be asked to introduce yourself to your coaches and peers online. Once the introductions have been made, the first assignments will be given online.

What is the location of this Master program?

The program is blended learning. It combines Online and On-site interactions.

In details: The majority of your interaction time with your coach and peers will take place online (via an online learning platform). During this time you will focus on your individual project along side with assignments, reading and assessments.

Three times per year, typically in the month of October, January and May, we invite you to visit us in Tilburg, the Netherlands for two-week intensive bootcamps. During this time you will focus on group activities, workshops and lectures held on-site (in our university) or offsite. During your stay you have full access to all university facilities (library, computers, studio spaces, study spaces)

What is the duration of the program?

The program runs 12 month.

What language is the program held in?

The entire program is held in English.

How many vacation days do I have during the study year?

The university recognises official academic calendar of the Netherlands.

Who is in the team? Who are the coaches?

The multidisciplinary team of PPS combines substantial experience and consists of:

Heleen de Hoon, The Netherlands (Head of Studies & Coach)

Danae Theodoridou, Greece/Belgium (Coach)

David Limaverde, Brazil/The Netherlands (Coach)

Every student will be assigned to one coach. Your coach will be assigned to you based on your art discipline or individual project needs. Keep in mind that all the coaches will be available to you for feedback or input. You will have the opportunity to meet all the coaches during the on-site Bootcamps.

What does full-time mean?

The program is a full-time course. We expect you to reserve about 20 hours/week to develop your individual project and another 20 hours/week to complete the required reading and the assignments. We expect you to organise your time as needed and to respect deadlines and online meetings.

What deadlines do I need to keep in mind during the year?

The Application Dates for 2022/23 are as follows:

Early Review Deadline: February 28, 2022

Non-EU nationality: March 31, 2022

EU-nationality: May 31, 2022

Who are my peers?

Your peers will be artists from all over the world focussing on public space as their artistic work environment. They will bring in different experiences from a variety of art disciplines. You will be encouraged to share your experiences and engage with this international network of artists to enrich your art practice.

You will be connected to your peers through the online platform all year long. During the Bootcamps you will form a group. Beyond that we see that every year tends to connect beyond the 'official' channels, starting up private Facebook groups or WhatsApp/Telegram channels for direct and private communication amongst them (coaches excluded).

Can I find examples of student work online?

Visit our Online Project Gallery [LINK](#) to browse through some of the graduation projects created by former students.

Who is part of the international artists and experts network?

This Master is continuously building a substantial network of national and international professional artists, researchers and organisations focussing on the creation and support of the arts in public space. Students joining this program will naturally become part of this international network. Master PPS encourages cross-collaborations within this particular network.

What kind of degree will I receive after successfully completing the program?

After graduating from Master Performing Public Space, you will receive an internationally recognised Master of Arts degree. M.A.

APPLICATION

Am I eligible to join this program?

If you have a bachelor degree / or a diploma of a recognised university, you are eligible to apply to our Master program. Your degree does not necessarily be an art degree.

I am not sure if the program is right for me - what should I do?

Contact us any time via FHKpublicspace@fontys.nl

We are happy to arrange a casual online meeting to share more insights into the program or to discuss your questions or register for one of our Webinars to learn more about the program and meet coaches/students. Find more information on the website and on Facebook.

I am not a performer, am I eligible to apply to the program?

Artists and professionals from all art disciplines are welcome to join this program. If you don't have an art degree, your experience in the relevant field can overrule your educational background.

Example: We have had many successful applicants with non-art degrees, that could show sufficient experience in the relevant art-field.

I have no bachelor diploma yet? What now?

If you are in your final bachelor study year (about to complete your bachelor studies), you are eligible to apply using your proof of study document instead of your bachelor diploma. You must graduate successfully / submit your bachelor diploma before you can be enrolled to our program successfully.

How do I apply to the program?

Three steps away from a successful application:

Step 1:

Register for application on studielink via this [LINK](#).

Step 2:

Send us your materials* via email (FHKpublicspace@fontys.nl)

Step 3:

Attend the online interview on Zoom.

*Application materials in detail:

- Current CV - Your personal / education / professional background (PDF format)
- Motivation Letter - Why would you like to join our program? (max 300 words, PDF format)
- Portfolio (if applicable) - A selection of your previous artistic work (PDF format or website link)

- Project plan - (PDF format) Outline of your individual project. Please include concept description, research plan, rough timeline, visuals/video if available.
You are free to decide on the format of your project plan.

If your application materials have met the requirements (and have been sent before the application deadline), you will be invited to an online interview.

What should I know about the Interview?

The interview will be hosted online (no exceptions made).

The interview will last about 30min. In this time, two of the program's team members will ask you to introduce yourself briefly and answer questions about your project plan.

Three working days after your interview you will be informed about your application status
- accepted / not accepted.

What questions should I expect during the interview?

Two team members will ask you to briefly introduce yourself.

Also, they will ask you more detailed about your motivations to join the program.

Beyond that you will be asked to answer questions about your project proposal.

When will I receive my official Acceptance Letter?

Three working days after you have been admitted to the program, you will receive a digital Acceptance Letter stating your acceptance to our Master program. You might need this letter in order to apply for your visa or additional funding.

How much does this program cost?

The tuition fee for the entire one-year Master program are as follows:

EU-nationality: €1.084

Non-EU nationality: €6.086

I have a NON-EU nationality, but I live in the EU for several years on a residency visa. Which tuition fee applies to me - EU or NON-EU?

Your nationality determines the tuition fee. Even if you have a residency visa in the EU, if your passport states that you are a NON-EU citizen, the NON-EU tuition fee applies to you.

Are there scholarships available for this Master?

We have 2 [Holland Scholarships \(HSP\)](#) available for the most talented and motivated candidates for our Master program Performing Public Space.

The HSP is only eligible for non-EU students, and amounts to a € 5.000 grant to be received during the 2nd semester of your first year.

We encourage students to investigate alternative financial support. The program will provide an official Acceptance Letter in order to support your funding applications.

Does the Master cover accommodation or travel costs?

The program does not cover any costs involving the travel, accommodation or catering during the study year.

PROGRAM CONTENT / CURRICULUM

How many assignments do I need to complete throughout the study year?

The year is divided into three periods. Every period ends with an assessment.

Do I need to write a Master thesis at the end of the study year?

You will not have to write a Master thesis in a traditional sense. Throughout the year you will build your project portfolio which represents your final research portfolio. At the end of the study year you will present and defend this portfolio.

GRADUATING FROM MASTER PERFORMING PUBLIC SPACE

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Will there be a graduation show/event at the end of the study year?

PPS offers students support with organising a graduation show case event at the end of each study year (usually end of June). The show-case activities are not obligatory. Every class can decide how they would like to present their work to the public.

Mandatory elements are the printed graduation catalogue and the online project gallery, which are both produced by PPS.

The Master PPS invites university staff, partners from the field, alumni and other interested parties to attend the show-case and celebration.

Am I required to join the graduation show/event?

The participation in the graduation show-show-was is not mandatory. However we encourage students to participate in this event in any way they can.

If you can't afford to travel to the Netherlands for this show-case celebration, you have the option to show your work in an alternative format (video / installation / ...)

Will I have access to the learning platform and network after my graduation?

Students have access to the online learning platform 12 month after graduation.

As a graduate of the program, you will be part of our international arts network. Follow us and take advantage of calls, invitations and other network opportunities.

What kind of work can I do after graduating?

Public space as an artistic work environment offers a broad variety of possibilities as a professional artist / researcher.

Based on your individual interests, skills and goals, we will advise you on which work environment would be most appropriate for you to approach after graduation.

We do not provide a job matching services.

How are the chances of finding an employment?

As in all arts education programs, the chances of finding a payed position depend on your individual interests, skills and needs.

We do not provide a job matching services.

Does the program assist with job search after graduation?

We do not assist you with finding a payed position after your graduation. However, being part of our professional network will give you access to a substantial network in the relevant art field. We do not provide a job matching services.

ONLINE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

What is the Online Learning Environment?

This Master is a blended learning program - combining an online & on-site program.

During the majority of the study year you will be connected to the program via an online classroom (Project Campus)

You will use the platform to stay connected with your coach and peers 24/7.

When do I get access to the online classroom Project Campus?

On day one of the study year, you will receive detailed instructions on how to log-in to your personal Project Campus account.

When and how often will I have contact with my coach?

Your coach will contact you for a personal introduction. You will coordinate regular online meetings together with your coach, based on your availability.

Will I have contact with my peers?

You will be connected with your peer students via Project Campus 24/7.

How will the meetings take place online?

Usually students meet their coaches on Skype. Group meetings will be conducted in Skype as well.

What technical equipment do I need in order to successfully follow the program?
You will need regular access to a computer with internet and webcam access.

BOOTCAMPS

What are Bootcamps?

You will be invited to join three intensive weeks throughout the study year - called 'Bootcamps'. One Bootcamp lasts two weeks. During the Bootcamp you will participate in an intensive program combining the following modules:

- Student-Teacher Days
- Artistic Research Days
- Theory Lectures
- Artistic Research
- Co-Creation and Interdisciplinary Practices
- Public Space Discourse
- Artistic Workshops by Guest Artists
- Entrepreneurship & Network

What are the exact dates of the Bootcamps?

At the beginning of the study year, we will inform you about the exact Bootcamp dates. Usually the Bootcamps are held in the months of October, January and May. One Bootcamp lasts 2 weeks. We organise three bootcamps in total during one study year.

Do I have to join all three Bootcamps?

Yes, your physical full-time attendance is required all three Bootcamps. In emergency cases the Director of Studies can grant an exception.

Does the university offer accommodation during the Bootcamps?

We do not have the facilities to offer accommodation to students during the Bootcamps. However, we assist you by sharing relevant links to affordable accommodation.

Does the University offer childcare during the Bootcamps?

Unfortunately the University does not provide childcare during the bootcamps. Child care facilities in Tilburg can be contacted if needed.

Does the University cover travel expenses for the Bootcamps?

The university does not cover travel expenses for students travelling to the Netherlands for the Bootcamps.

What do I have to bring to the Bootcamps?

Students are required to bring the following items:

- Laptop

If you do not own a laptop, you can rent a laptop from the university media library (on day-to-day basis only).

- Mobile Phone

- Camera (for documentation purposes, or smart phone also sufficient)

- Appropriate clothing (also suitable for out-door activities)

When will I receive the program for the Bootcamp?

You will receive a detailed day-to-day timetable one-two weeks before the starting date of each Bootcamp.

Do I need to prepare for the Bootcamps?

Some of the Bootcamp activities will require preparation. Pre-assignments will be announced on the online platform in advance, giving you enough time to prepare.

Is the Bootcamp full-time?

Yes. Usually the program runs daily from 10am-5pm (with exceptions). One day/week will be reserved for individual study purposes.

May I join classes from other study program in the building during the Bootcamps?

If the Bootcamp schedule allows, you are free to approach other study programs in order to arrange participation. However this is to be arranged entirely by you in accordance with the respective study program. (subject to availability & change)

May I organise my own activities during the Bootcamps??

There will be time slots available to organise peer-to-peer activities during the Bootcamps. Classroom and studio spaces will be available to you to organise student-led activities of your choice. (subject to availability & change)

VISA REQUIREMENTS

(Non-EU applicants/studnets)

I am a NON-EU citizen - do I need to apply for a visa in order to join the program?

In order to join the program you do not have to apply for a visa.

However, you are required to apply for a visa whenever you enter the Netherlands for the Bootcamps (3x/year - usually in the month of October / January and May - 2 weeks each)

I only want to travel to the Netherlands in order to join the Bootcamps - do I need a visa?

Yes. If you are a NON-EU citizen, and you just want to travel to the Netherlands for the three bootcamps, you are required to apply for a short-stay tourist visa.

You want to move to the Netherlands for the study year?

You have the opportunity to apply for a permanent residency student visa (valid 12month) if you decide to move to the Netherlands for the entire year.

We will kindly assist you in the application process. However we advise to inform us as soon as possible about your decision. The required NON-EU nationality application deadlines applies!

If I move to the Netherland for a year - is the course still mainly online?

Yes. Whether you move to the Netherlands or not the course is held online for all students, no matter where they are located.

There won't be any classes available for you to attend on-site (outside of the Bootcamps), even if you are staying in the Netherland for the duration of the study year. You will have access to the university facilities (working spaces, library, ...) throughout the study year.

GENERAL

Do I have access to the University facilities throughout the study year?

Yes. Every student of this program has full access to the university facilities (working spaces, library, ...) throughout the study year (also outside the Bootcamps).

Do I need to learn Dutch before I join this program?

The program language is English. The Netherlands has a very high English proficiency. You are not required to learn Dutch in order to join this program.

Waiver agreement

We ask all our students to sign a waiver agreement at the beginning of the study year.

When signing the waiver you give us permission to publish content on our online channels (Social Media, Website, Project Gallery) and printed materials.

As a student of Fontys University you are required to follow the General Terms and Conditions.

I didn't find the answers I was looking for. What now?

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