

Creative Bursary 2022 Guide

About the Supporting Act Foundation

The Supporting Act Foundation is on a mission to enable inspiring artist-led initiatives and emerging artists to fulfill their creative potential. We aim to create opportunities for underrepresented people in the arts, and support communities and organizations in seeking intersectional justice for people and the planet.

We are an independent non-profit organization that provides grants and bursaries to artists at the beginning of their careers, with a particular focus on marginalized groups and community-centered initiatives. The foundation is privately funded by WeTransfer, who celebrated our launch with a donation of €1 million, pledging a further 1% of revenue each year plus access to its global advertising and editorial platforms.

We are committed to establishing and celebrating a more diverse creative landscape—valuing all lived experiences and leaving no person, discipline, or community behind. This means prioritizing marginalized groups, embracing intersectionality, and working to remove barriers to entry resulting from cultural, economic, and political injustice.

Creative Bursary

The Supporting Act Foundation provides 10 creative bursary grants of €10,000 for undergraduate students pursuing a career at the intersection of arts and technology who are currently experiencing any form of financial hardship, and who self-identify as coming from underrepresented or marginalized backgrounds. This first pilot will only be available for students based in the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Spain, Germany, France, and Italy.

This grant program is built on insights collected through extensive research on the challenges that emerging artists are facing in Europe, and aims to address the areas on which the foundation is focused: reducing precarity, fighting discrimination, and addressing vulnerability. We are using an intersectional lens to prioritize supporting people who are underrepresented in the creative and cultural sector and have fewer opportunities to fulfill their creative potential.

We will provide an unrestricted creative bursary of €10,000 for ten undergraduate art students intended to help cover tuition fees, living costs, materials, and other related costs in the final year of their studies.

The applications will be assessed by an independent jury of artists and specialists on the basis of financial need and the social relevance of the work and approach of the applicant.

Who should consider applying?

Students in the final year (2022–23) of any kind of undergraduate course

- Who are pursuing a career at the intersection of arts and technology
- Who are based in the Netherlands, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Spain, or Italy
- Who self-identify as coming from underrepresented or marginalized groups
- Who are experiencing any form of financial hardship

Eligibility criteria

- Must be an undergraduate student in their final year (2022–23)
- Pursuing a career at the intersection of arts and technology
- Must be based in the Netherlands, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Spain, or Italy
- Have an active bank account in one of these countries under their name
- Be at least 18 years old
- Experiencing financial hardship
- Priority to applicants who self-identify as coming from working-class backgrounds, or underrepresented and marginalized groups

This bursary is not for

- Art projects or collectives
- Organizations

How to apply?

Before considering submitting a bursary application, please check if you are eligible.

Instructions:

Step 1: Go to the Supporting Act Foundation's [online application hub](#), hit the Submit button, and log in or create an account on Submittable.

Step 2: Fill out the eligibility questionnaire. You can find the questions below. If you are eligible you can continue to the application form.

Step 3: Complete the application form. You can save your work by clicking "Save Draft" at the bottom of the page. You can find the full form below.

Step 4: Once your application is submitted, you can't make any changes and you will receive an automatic confirmation email. Our staff and the jury will review and evaluate your application, and contact you with a decision or a request for more information.

Deadline

Applications close on **September 19, 2022** (at 12PM CET) or when we reach 500 submissions.

Application process and timeline

1. Call for submissions opens on September 1, 2022 (at 12PM CET)
2. Submission deadline: September 19, 2022 (at 12PM CET) or when we reach 500 submissions
3. Submissions review: September 20—October 14, 2022
4. Notification of grantees and applicants: October 31—November 4, 2022
5. Transfer of funds: November 7—11, 2022

Review criteria

All applications will be reviewed and evaluated using the following criteria, which aim to give priority to applicants who self-identify as coming from working-class backgrounds, or underrepresented and marginalized groups:

- The level of **financial hardship**, considering the compounding effect of multiple factors of identity that can disadvantage people.
- The level of **necessity** of the applicant.
- The level of **ambition** to pursue a career at the intersection of arts and technology.
- The level of **clarity** on how to use the grant money.
- The **potential community and social impact** of their work.

Creative Bursary jury

- Diana Alcausin
- Alan Warburton
- Danielle Brathwaite-Shirley
- Rachel Uwa
- Filippo Cuttica
- Mónica Rikić

Eligibility and application forms

To prepare for your submission, you can read through the simple eligibility test and the initial application form here:

Eligibility questionnaire

Before submitting an application please answer the following questions to validate if you are eligible for this bursary:

- Are you at least 18 years old?
- Are you starting the final year (2022–23) of an undergraduate course?
- Are you pursuing a career at the intersection of arts and technology?
- Are you based in one of the following countries: the Netherlands, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Spain, Italy.
- Are you currently experiencing any form of financial hardship?
- Are you looking for funding for a project?

Application form questions

1. Full name (as it appears on your national ID or passport)
 - a. First name(s)
 - b. Last name
2. Date of birth
3. Based in
 - a. Country
 - b. Town or city

The Supporting Act Foundation is committed to support individuals who are representative of different and diverse backgrounds and experiences, including but not limited to diversity of gender, ethnicity, religion, ability, and socioeconomic background.

Our aim is to give priority to applicants who self-identify as coming from underrepresented or marginalized groups, or who have experienced different forms of discrimination. This is why we ask you to voluntarily answer the following questions, which will also help us learn about who is interested in our programs.

Your answers will be visible to the jury and considered in the review process but will not be made public and will not be used against you in any way.

4. Preferred pronouns
5. Which most closely describes your gender?
 - a. Woman
 - b. Man
 - c. Transgender Woman
 - d. Transgender Man
 - e. Non-Binary
 - f. Agender/I don't identify with any gender
 - g. Gender not listed. My gender is _____
 - h. Prefer not to say
6. Have you experienced any form of discrimination based on your race, ethnicity, or religion?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Prefer not to say
7. Do you self-identify as having a disability?
 - a. Yes, I have a disability

- b. No, I don't have a disability
 - c. Prefer not to say
8. What do you currently do?
- a. What are you studying?
 - b. In which school?
 - c. If you have any jobs, please describe them briefly
9. Please describe your financial situation
- a. Are you financially responsible for more people?
 - b. Do you have any source of income? If so, how much do you earn per month?
 - c. How much do you need to spend per month?
 - d. Is there anything else you would like to add about your current situation?
10. What will you do with the €10,000 grant?
Please submit your answer, including responses to the following questions, using a video (no more than 3 minutes long) or a PDF (no more than 3 pages)
- Why are you applying for this bursary?
 - What would be your dream job or project after graduating?
 - What impact would this bursary have on your life and career?
 - What impact will your work have on society five years from now?
11. How did you find out about this grant?
- a. (multiple options)

All applications will be read with a default understanding that English may not be the first language of the applicant.

More questions?

If you don't find answers in our [FAQ](#) you can email us with your specific questions or feedback to hello@thesupportingact.com. We will use these to update the FAQ to help us respond to questions others might have and to improve upcoming open calls.
