

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Women in Art Fellowship (WAF) 2025

1. What is the Women in Art Fellowship (WAF)?

The WAF is a fellowship designed to support, fund and give visibility to women artists in the visual arts living in Portugal through financial aid, mentorship and exhibition opportunities.

2. Who can apply?

Applicants must be women over the age of 18, who have lived in Portugal for at least 3 years (regardless of their citizenship) and who develop projects in the visual arts. They are not represented by galleries and have never received funding from other fellowships or patrons. Fluency in written and spoken Portuguese is mandatory.

3. What are the arts covered?

The fellowship is open to all types of plastic and visual arts.

4. Are collective applications accepted?

No, only individual applications are accepted.

5. What is the amount and structure of the fellowship?

The total financial aid equals €27,000 and includes a direct grant, mentorship, training and exhibition support. The direct grant of €5,000 is paid out in three phases upon completion of the project stages.

6. How does the selection process work?

The process has two phases:

- Phase 1: Selection of 10 finalists based on their portfolio, cover letter and *curriculum vitae*. The finalists take part in compulsory masterclasses.
- Phase 2: The finalists submit an original unreleased project. The winner is chosen by a jury.

7. What are the assessment criteria?

In the 1st phase: artistic quality, innovation, impact of the fellowship, career path, profile matching and clarity of the documents.

In the 2nd phase: quality and originality of the project, exhibition potential, impact on career and sector, feasibility, sustainability and innovation.

8. What documents do I need to send with my application?

- Digital portfolio (up to 10 images)
- Cover letter (max. 1000 characters)
- *Curriculum vitae* and artistic biography (max. 700 characters)

All documents must be sent in PDF format to waf.portugal@gmail.com.

9. What is the fellowship calendar?

Applications are open from 9 May to 8 June 2025. The dates of the next phases will be announced to the selected candidates.

10. What happens if I do not meet the fellowship requirements?

Non-attendance of the masterclasses, non-compliance with the schedule, misuse of the funds and non-delivery of the reports may lead to removal from the fellowship.

11. Who can't apply?

Employees, collaborators and direct relatives of the promoters or companies involved, as well as people who have already received fellowships/patronage or are represented by galleries.

12. Are copyrights protected?

Yes. The authors hold moral and property rights over their work. WAF may use images of the projects for dissemination, but always mentioning the author.

13. How do you handle the candidates' personal data?

All personal data are handled confidentially and securely, for purposes of the fellowship management only, and in compliance with the GDPR.

14. Can I object the jury's decision?

No. The jury's decisions are final and irrevocable.

15. Where can I find more information and updates?

All information and any changes to the regulation will be posted on the websites www.freeportfashionoutlet.pt and www.viladocondedefashionoutlet.pt.

If you have any questions, please contact: waf.portugal@gmail.com