

Open Call 2027

Residency Program

»Literary Writing«

The Literary Writing Residency Scholarship is open to students at the Kunsthochschule für Medien Köln (Academy of Media Arts Cologne). A minimum of six three-month residency scholarships (subject to funding approval) will be awarded per open call.

The scholarship consists of a monthly grant of 900 euros, supplemented by a one-time production budget of 1,000 euros. Accommodation is provided at the Droste Residenz, a fully equipped new building near Burg Hülshoff in Havixbeck.

You are expected to spend the majority of the scholarship period at the residency location. Participation in group events is mandatory.

Applications must be based on a specific work proposal. This could be a project involving text-based or interdisciplinary work (performance, installation, film, music, sound art, or digital art), as well as projects with a clear focus on text. This residency at the places where Annette von Droste-Hülshoff lived and worked offers participants a space to reflect on and deepen their artistic practice, refine approaches, or try out new ideas.

The program is a collaboration with the Kunsthochschule für Medien Köln (KHM) and is funded by the Ministry of Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia.

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Who?

Students enrolled at the KHM are eligible to apply.

What?

As part of the residency, participants may begin, develop, or complete projects in the artistic fields of literature, video/film, media art, performance, or music; research projects are also welcome. This open call is particularly aimed at projects dealing with language, literature, communication, or storytelling. Interdisciplinary works are expressly encouraged, as are works that involve or focus on text. In addition to this, residency participants have the opportunity to organize an event as part of a series. At the end of the residency, all participants will present their projects in their current form in an open studio format called *Schaukasten* (Showcase).

Where?

During the residency, participants will live and work at the newly built Droste-Residenz near Burg Hülshoff in Havixbeck.

When?

The residency lasts three months and will take place between April and December 2027. Participants must spend the majority of the scholarship period at the residency location and participate in all previously agreed program activities; these are mandatory requirements for accepting the scholarship. Absences of up to 15% of the total residency period may be permitted subject to approval.

Applicants may specify their preferred months for the residency period. We will try to accommodate these preferences.

The scholarship includes:

- €900 monthly grant
- €1,000 production budget
- Accommodation in the fully equipped new Droste-Residenz building
- Use of an e-bike

Application

Applications must be submitted as a single PDF file via email to residenzen@burg-huelshoff.de by September 30, 2026 (deadline). Your application must not be longer than 10 pages or larger than 10 MB. It must include the following:

- Completed application form (download [here](#) or email residenzen@burg-huelshoff.de)
- Cover letter and project outline (max. 2 pages)
- Resume (max. 1 page)
- Portfolio (please provide links to any videos)

Contact

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to Andreas Bühlhoff, residency program coordinator at the Burg Hülshoff – Center for Literature (CfL) (residenzen@burg-huelshoff.de), and/or to Juliana Kálnay, assistant professor of literary writing at the KHM (j.kalnay@khm.de).

Decisions about the recipients of the 2027 residency scholarships will be made in late October/early November 2026. The jury consists of staff members from the CfL and the KHM. There is no legal entitlement to participation or to specific conditions of the residency.