



Vija Celmins Foundation Grant Regulations

1. General

- 1.1. The Regulations define the purpose, application and selection procedure for applicants, as well as the award and reporting procedure, of the Vija Celmins Foundation Grant (hereinafter – the Grant).
- 1.2. The funds for the Grant is provided by the Vija Celmins Foundation Inc. (hereinafter – the Vija Celmins Foundation), and the Latvian National Museum of Art (hereinafter – LNMA), in cooperation with the artist Vija Celmins and fulfilling her will, performs all administrative and organizational duties related to the award of the Grant, including the announcement of the Grant and the organization of the application process, the organization of the work and the public relations processes of the Grant jury, the attraction of additional sponsors and the organization of the Grant award ceremony.
- 1.3. The name of the Grant in Latvian: "Vijas Celmiņas fonda stipendija". The name of the Grant in English: "Vija Celmins Foundation Grant".

2. Purpose of the Grant and applicants for the Grant

- 2.1. The aim of the Grant is to provide support for the creative pursuits and creative work of actively practising Latvian artists who have demonstrated high artistic quality in their creative work.
- 2.2. The Grant may be used for a creative work, i.e., a creation of new works of art regardless of the place and time of creation, or for a support of the creative process, or for organizing exhibitions. The Grant is not to be used for the works to be created during higher education studies and for the tuition fee.
- 2.3. Applicants for the Grant may be either actively practising Latvian artists who are Latvian citizens residing in Latvia and have completed their higher education or professional studies, or groups of artists working collaboratively and consisting of artists who are Latvian citizens residing in Latvia and have completed their higher education or professional studies.

3. Composition of the Grant jury and organization of work

- 3.1. To ensure the evaluation of the applications for the Grant and the selection of the nominees, the Grant jury shall be established and approved by an order of the director of the LNMA.
- 3.2. The Grant jury consists of 5 members, one of whom is a representative of the LNMA, and four of whom are invited experts in the field of contemporary art processes in Latvia. The invited experts are appointed to serve on the Grant jury for two years.
- 3.3. The meetings of the Grant jury shall be chaired by the jury chairman, elected by a simple majority of the jury from among its members. The Grant jury shall have a quorum if at least three members are present.
- 3.4. The meetings of the Grant jury are closed, and minutes shall be taken. The members of the Grant jury, as well as their family members, may not apply for the Grant themselves.
- 3.5. The Grant jury evaluates the objectives of the Grant applicants' applications and agrees on a maximum of five nominees, the applications of whom are presented by the Grant jury to Vija Celmins Foundation.
- 3.6. The Board of the Vija Celmins Foundation chooses one Grant recipient from the nominees selected by the Grant jury and announced at the award ceremony.

4. Period and amount of the Grant

- 4.1. One Grant of USD 30,000.00 shall be awarded each year for a period of one calendar year from the date of the award.
- 4.2. The Grant is paid in one payment in euro (according to the currency rate on the day of settlement) from the donated funds administered by the State Culture Capital Foundation.
- 4.3. The Vija Celmins Foundation intends to provide funding for the Grant for ten years, from October 2025 to October 2034.

5. Timetable for the Grant and application requirements

- 5.1. The LNMA shall announce the Grant and the application for the Grant by 31 May of the current year by publishing a notice of the application process on the LNMA website www.lnmm.lv.
- 5.2. Applicants must submit their applications via e-mail by sending the electronically signed application to the following designated e-mail address: vcf.grant@lnmm.gov.lv, enclosing the following materials, which size shall not exceed 25 MB:
 - 5.2.1. completed application form signed with electronic signature;
 - 5.2.2. the applicant's Curriculum Vitae (CV);
 - 5.2.3. the applicant's portfolio;
 - 5.2.4. a description (up to 1000 characters) of the intended use of the Grant.
- 5.3. The applicant agrees that if the applicant becomes one of the nominees for the Grant, the personal data submitted by the applicant in accordance with the competition Regulations, will be transferred to Vija Celmins Foundation in the United States of America for the nomination of the Grant winner.
- 5.4. The application period for the Grant is from 1 June to 31 July at 23.59 of the current year.
- 5.5. The Grant jury shall review the applications for the Grant and select the nominees for the Grant from 1 August to 31 August of the current year.
- 5.6. The Board of the Vija Celmins Foundation chooses the Grant recipient from 1 September to 30 September of the current year.
- 5.7. The announcement of the Grant recipient and the award ceremony shall take place in October of the current year.

6. Obligations of the grant recipient

- 6.1. Within 3 (three) months following the end of the current Grant year, the Grant recipient shall give a public lecture or presentation on the results of the Grant year.
- 6.2. The Grant recipient may be offered the opportunity to create an exhibition at the Latvian National Museum of Art.