

PROFESSOR OF CONTEMPORARY ART, HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Workload: 1.0 (full-time)

Location of work: Tallinn

Type of contract: permanent

Start date: 18 August 2025

Deadline for submission of documents: 7 March 2025

The Estonian Academy of Arts is Estonia's only public university that provides higher education in architecture, design, art and art culture, and it has operated continuously since 1914. The Academy of Arts trains artists, architects, designers, art historians and restorers. It offers approximately 30 specialities. A total of 1,200 students are enrolled.

A Professor is a leading teacher in his or her area of specialization who participates actively in creative, research or other development activities at the international level. The purpose of the position of professor is to engage and to encourage teaching, creative activity and research and development in his or her field, to organize such activities, and to educate the next generation of academics.

The Professor of Contemporary Art is responsible for developing and delivering the MAKK/MACA Master's program in collaboration with art practice supervisors. Candidates should possess a broad vision of contemporary art, active involvement in the professional art scene, international teaching experience, and excellent analytical, communication, and teamwork skills. The ability and willingness to ensure sustainable and consistent learning and development within a team is essential.

The master program welcomes both Estonian and international students whose artistic practices encompass a variety of media, including painting, graphics, sculpture, installation, photography, new media, performance, and video art. The Professor will work closely with faculty members specializing in these media and will be responsible for ensuring the quality and continuous innovation of the study program. Duties also include recruiting, engaging, and supporting local and international lecturers for the Master's program, as well as supervising Master's theses. The Professor will collaborate with the Departments of Fine Arts and the Head of the parallel curriculum to ensure smooth academic operations and the ongoing development of the program.

More information about the professor's duties of employment can be found in the professor's [job description](#).

Requirements for the candidate:

- master's degree or equivalent qualification;
- internationally recognized creative artist in his or her field;
- competence to organize teaching and to teach subjects in their speciality at all levels of higher education (teaching experience in higher education is required) and experience supervising students (unless the candidate has not worked as an ordinary teaching staff member in a higher education institution);
- ability to develop curricula and teaching methods;
- persons with prior experience working as teaching staff must have participated in in-service training in the field of teaching during the last five years;
- at least seven years of active research, development and creative activity (RDC activities), capability to manage and direct RDC activity in their field and to apply for the necessary funding;
- English proficiency B2 (candidate must have a desire to learn Estonian and achieve B1 proficiency within 5 years);
- experience leading a team or managing a project;
- management, cooperation and communication related competences.

More information about the requirements for the position of professor can be found [here](#).

Documents to be submitted (in English):

- signed application addressed to the rector;
- curriculum vitae (CV), including structured data regarding artistic, pedagogical work and professional management and development activity.
- document certifying education and degree along with copies of annexes to the document;
- digital portfolio (10-25 works);
- an overview and substantiation of international activity certifying that the person is recognized in their artistic speciality as an artistic person;
- academic staff member's [teaching portfolio](#);
- a vision or activity plan for the subsequent work period (up to 3000 characters);
- other documents considered important by the candidate.

Documents are to be emailed to personal@artun.ee or mailed to the Personnel Department (Personaliosakond, Põhja pst 7, 10412 Tallinn, ruum D202)

The Estonian Academy of Arts offers;

- the possibility to have a voice in the development of the speciality;
- meaningful work in a developing lifelong art design and architecture teaching environment, Estonia's largest;
- opportunities for cooperation and continued growth in other universities in the world;
- a supportive professional team and strong student community;
- 56 days of holiday and flexible work time;
- incentivized participation in sports and exercise programs;
- an inspiring and contemporary work environment in the Kalamaja neighbourhood of Tallinn.

For more information about the position of the Professor of Contemporary Art contact the Dean of Faculty of Fine Arts Kirke Kangro kirke.kangro@artun.ee. For more information about working at the Academy of Arts or applying for a position, contact Head of Human Resources Dagmar Raide dagmar.raide@artun.ee.