

PROFESSOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

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.

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 BA programme of photography in the Estonian Academy of Art focuses on teaching contemporary art through photographic means of expression. The programme emphasises conceptual thinking and the exhibition of photography in space, as well as its relationship with other art forms – film, sculpture, installation, graphics and painting.

The post of Professor of Photography is open to an internationally renowned creator and experienced lecturer in the field of contemporary photography. The professor's role is to lead and guide the academic, research, development and creative activities in the field, and to ensure the academic succession with their activities. They value the sustainable approach, appreciate the traditions and role of photography as a speciality and have a forward-looking vision for the specialty. The professor is expected to supervise courses and theses in the BA programme in photography and MA programme in contemporary art and to participate in the development of the respective programmes. The successful candidate is motivated to cooperate with the study programmes of the Department of Fine Arts, and Estonian and international contemporary photography and art communities. The professor must also be able to initiate and carry out modern specialised and cooperation projects, exhibitions and other development activities that complement academic work and/or research and increase the visibility of the discipline.

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, proficiency must reach B1 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 Professor of Photography contact the Head of Photography Department Reimo Võsa-Tangsoo reimo.vosa-tangsoo@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.