

MINI-GUIDE FRArt BIENNAL CALL 2023

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1. SCHEDULE

- **Publication** of the call: **Wednesday 15th June 2022**
- Closing of file submissions in Higher Schools of Art (ESA¹): Monday 31st October 2022
- **Opening of the call: Tuesday 13th December 2022** on the web-based application of the F.R.S.-FNRS [e-space](#) for the online submission
- Closing of the call: Thursday 2nd February 2023
- Meeting of the International Artistic Committee: end of March/beginning of April 2022
- Board of Trustees of the FRArt: end of April 2023
- Beginning of the PDR-FRArt: between 1st June and 1st December 2023

INSTRUMENT		FRART CALL 2023	
		ELECTRONIC VALIDATION DEADLINES ² ON E-SPACE	
		MAIN AUTHOR (ARTIST)	FACILITATOR (MAIN ESA)
FRArt Research project	PDR-FRART	Thursday 26 th January at 2 p.m.*	Thursday 2 nd February at 2 p.m.

*Please note that this is a **fixed deadline** and the applicant will not be able to edit, save or submit the application once this deadline has passed. Please make sure that it is submitted in advance.

2. SCOPE OF THE FRART CALL

The Art Research Fund (FRArt) is an Associated Fund of the F.R.S.-FNRS which aims at funding research projects in art carried out outside the scope of doctoral research and outside of any artistic production funding by an artist-researcher or an artist collective. These projects are validated by one or several ESA.

Every PDR-FRArt project must be submitted jointly by its author and a facilitator.

The author is an artist or an artist collective³ (co-authors may participate in the project).

The facilitator is one or several ESA regardless of the field: plastic, visual and spatial arts, theatre and speech arts, music, performing arts and broadcasting and communication techniques, dance. A facilitator bears the title of main ESA or secondary ESA. Important notice: a **main ESA may validate a maximum of 5 projects**.

The author of a PDR-FRArt is an artist-researcher and holder of higher arts education degree or equivalent, or has proven experience in practicing artistic research.

¹ ESA = École Supérieure des Arts.

² All times are Brussels local time.

³ The author may be an artist-professor teaching in an ESA, in which case it must be clearly mentioned in the proposal.

3. CHANGES COMPARED TO CALL 2021

Decision of the Board of Trustees of the FRArt of 22nd April 2022:

- Clarifications about the application field:
 - o The application for FRArt may not be the production of an existing project that is looking for production fundings;
 - o The FRArt is a research Fund and the submitted applications must therefore be motivated by a research process (unsolved hypotheses; need of funding to face them).
- The area of dance is added to the fields included in the FRArt.
- The number of applications which may be supported by a main ESA increases from 3 maximum to 5 maximum.
- The duration of PDR-FRArt is from 9 to 24 months (instead of a duration of one year).
- The CAI will try to give priority to supporting up to four projects submitted by authors who graduated no longer than 5 years ago, or by authors demonstrating artistic practices and who have never had any major funding.

4. RECURRENCE OF THE CALL

The 2023 call is biennial, with a total budget of M€ 1.1. As from 2024, the call will become annual with a total budget reduced by half.

5. INSTRUMENT

Characteristics of the PDR-FRArt instrument are summarised in the table below.

	Duration	Budget	Nature
FRArt Research Project PDR-FRArt	9 to 24 months	Max. € 50,000-	Personnel, Operating, Equipment - Personnel costs shall relate to the work of the author. - In case of subcontracting costs, they must be included in the operating budget. - No costs associated with the ESA can be claimed.

Information:

Tax status of the PDR-FRArt Grant: the FRArt Grant may benefit from a tax exemption since the project that will be funded will have been assessed on the basis of merit and rewards exceptional merit. This tax exemption is the responsibility of the authors.

6. CONTENT OF A PROPOSAL

Authors will have the choice to write their proposal either in French or in English.

The F.R.S.-FNRS insists on **strict compliance with the instructions given for each part of the proposal**.

NOTICE: no further change or modification can be made in the proposal after the validation deadline set for the main author.

The application file contains the main sections described in the table hereafter:

APPLICATION FRAMEWORK
<p>PART 1: PROJECT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ References of the application (for the funded proposals, these data are released and made public on the F.R.S.-FNRS website).- Title, in French and in English (max. 200 characters each, including spaces) and,- Summary, in French and in English (max. 2,000 characters each, including spaces).
<p>PART 2: PROJECT ET AUTHOR(S)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Artistic research project overview to be exclusively completed on the template file (FR / EN) in 5,000 words max. (~ 500 words/page; ~ 10 pages):➤ Note summarizing the project.➤ Artistic note to develop the proposal and its major axes of inquiry.➤ Development and chronology of the proposal.➤ Justification for the choice of the facilitator (ESA) and description of how the project fits within the ESA.➤ Author's and potential co-authors's⁴ CV⁵.➤ Presentation of max. 5 most significant productions and/or artistic research previously performed by the author (file should not exceed 100 Mb)⁶.➤ Accompanying agreement written by the main ESA, describing how the project fits within the ESA. → <i>The main author must upload this document on e-space by the validation deadline fixed for the main author, i.e., by Thursday 26th January 2023 at 2 p.m., at the latest.</i>➤ Contact details of the legally responsible person of the project (legal or natural person) and contact details of the contact person⁷.
<p>PART 3: BUDGET</p> <p>Provisional budget and financing plan specifying the amount requested for each item, and other potential resources.</p>

⁴ Potential co-authors involved in a PDR-FRArt will be contacted by the F.R.S.-FNRS after the validation by the main author, in order to:

- Confirm they are willing to participate in the PDR-FRArt, and,
- Require them to send their curriculum vitae.

⁵ The required CV are used for the evaluation. They should therefore contain no personal data which are not necessary for that purpose.

⁶ The exact instructions for uploading this file will be given to the main author.

⁷ The legally responsible person may be the author him/herself who is also the contact person. Otherwise, in case a non-profit organisation is an intermediary actor, the legally responsible person is the person who is authorized to represent the organisation, e.g., the president. The contact person shall be the person to be in contact with the FRArt after funding decision.

7. SELECTION PROCEDURE (EX-ANTE EVALUATION)

The excellence of artistic research is the cornerstone of the evaluation, which is conducted in **2 steps**:

- By experts assigned by the ESA for each project (step 1),
 - By an International Artistic Committee (CAI) assessing all projects supported by ESA (step 2).
- **Step 1:** It is completed prior to submitting the applications on e-space, and it follows the exchanges between the author of the PDR-FRArt and the main ESA in order to obtain the accompanying agreement describing how the research project fits within the ESA. The main author of the PDR-FRArt will have to upload this agreement before validating on e-space.
- **Step 2:** Criteria that will be taken into account for the evaluation of the PDR-FRArt are the following:

N°	CRITERIA	WEIGHT
1	Artistic consistency of the research project	30%
2	Artistic, scientific, ethical, political, social issues at stake addressed by the research project	25%
3	Feasibility and implementation conditions for carrying out the proposed research	15%
4	Adequacy of the provisional budget and financing plan	15%
5	Quality of the author's general body of work or its potential	15%

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The CAI may reduce the requested budget up to a maximum of 15%. If the adequacy between the research programme and the requested budget is not justified and appears to require a reduction of more than 15%, the research programme will not be deemed fundable.

ALL DOCUMENTS, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PRIVACY POLICY ARE AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WWW.FRS-FNRS.BE/EN/REGLEMENTS-GUIDES](https://www.frs-fnrs.be/en/reglements-guides) ET SUR [HTTPS://WWW.FRS-FNRS.BE/EN/CHARTE-VIE-PRIVEE](https://www.frs-fnrs.be/en/charte-vie-privee)

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