Research Master's in Arts and Culture

Artistic Research

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Artistic Research reflects the flourishing practice of national and international research in the arts. The programme is meant for talented artists who are new to the field; they will be trained in combining their artistic productions with theoretical reflection and research.

This programme occupies a unique position in the Netherlands, providing an alternative to the at times artificial opposition between professional arts training and academic programmes for the study of the arts in the Netherlands. It seeks to form a bridge between the arts and standard scholarly research by offering insight into and training in new forms of research. These new forms provide an alternative to existing approaches, stressing applied, practical research as opposed to fundamental, theoretical research.

The degree programme takes an experimental approach to both specific arts objects and broader artistic concepts and opens them up to interpretation. Topics and strategies relevant for current scholarly debates and contemporary artistic practice form core components of the programme.
Career prospects

Artists who obtain this degree will have a distinct advantage when applying to PhD programmes in the fields of arts research and arts practice. Their ability to formulate theoretical concepts in relation to artistic practice, enhances their ability to develop their own work and find exhibition and performance venues where it can be presented.

Entry requirements

The Research Master's programme Artistic Research is open for application for students with a Bachelor's diploma.
from a Dutch (hbo) or a foreign university of applied sciences, in:
• the Fine Arts and Performing Arts.
The programme is also open to students with a university Bachelor’s in:
• Art History
• Cultural Studies
• Media and Culture
• Music Studies or Theatre Studies
All applicants must have demonstrable experience and knowledge of scientific research and knowledge of the artistic practice. For more information, please check:

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Application and admission

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