

Residence NRW⁺: *Grants for Visual Artists*

1/10/2026 – 30/9/2027

Residence NRW⁺ is a scholarship programme launched in Münster in 2020 for the practice-oriented promotion of particularly talented artists and curators in the field of contemporary visual art. Residence NRW⁺ is associated with the Kunsthalle Münster and is organised and supervised by its team. The programme is based on residency scholarships and changing collaborations with museums, Kunsthallen and Kunstvereine throughout North Rhine-Westphalia. The programme is supported by the Ministry of Culture and Science of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia, by Kunststiftung NRW and by Pro Helvetia, the Swiss Arts Council.

The Residence NRW⁺ programme will once again award four scholarships for visual artists for 2026/2027. The fellowship, which lasts for 12 months from October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027, is exclusively available to up-and-coming artists who have completed professional artistic training, such as an art academy or university, and have a connection to the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia. The scholarship is aimed at up-and-coming artists. Criteria are age (max. 40 years) or the completion of the last artistic training programme. For scholarship holders who are older than 40 when they start the scholarship on October 1, 2026, the last artistic training must not have been completed more than five years ago.

Six fellowship holders, four artists and one curator from NRW, as well as one curator from Switzerland, will reside concurrently in the city of Münster. Münster boasts several renowned production and presentation venues for contemporary art, such as the Kunstakademie Münster, various studio houses, the Kunsthalle Münster, the Westfälischer Kunstverein, and the LWL-Museum für Kunst und Kultur. These venues exhibit contemporary art at the highest level and serve as a platform for discussing the latest trends in the field, engaging with a broad audience. In addition, the sixth edition of Skulptur Projekte Münster will take place in the summer of 2027.

Fellowship recipients reside and work together in a purpose-built facility located near the centre on the Hoppengarten site during the fellowship period. Furthermore, a qualified person with long-term experience in the field will mentor the curators. The scholarship programme provides an ideal framework for further development in the respective field of work, with four core elements: exchange, practice, support, and networking. Regular joint meetings are held, to which external curators and artists (usually from North Rhine-Westphalia) are invited. Meetings with alumni and smaller excursions are also planned.

The residency location provides an ideal environment for concentration. Moreover, the fellowship offers a generous monthly allowance of 1,700 euros, which consists of both living expenses (1,500 euros) and production costs (200 euros). Upon completion of the scholarship in 2026/2027, there will be a subsidised exhibition at Neue Galerie Gladbeck (August – October 2027). This opportunity will undoubtedly enable artists to refine their individual concerns and approaches with confidence and authority.

The fellowship is primarily spent at the place of residence in Münster. Participation in the Residence NRW⁺ programme is a prerequisite for taking up the fellowship. Basic knowledge of the German language would be beneficial. During Residence NRW⁺ 2026/2027 construction work is to be expected on the Hoppengarten site. The functionality of the residence building is not expected to be affected. Depending on the impairment, the residency obligation may be suspended during this time. The fellows will be informed in time.

All application documents including the completed application form must be submitted online as one coherent PDF (portfolio, catalogues etc.) max. 20 MB. Videos can be included as PDF hyperlinks.

All application documents should be sent online to: bewerbung@residencenrw.de

Application deadline: 5/7/2026 (11:59 pm)

Further information: <https://www.residencenrw.de/en/call-for-application>

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An independent committee of experts selects based on the applications of the artists.
There is no legal claim to the fellowship.

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I hereby apply for visual artists residency programme
(please fill in legibly / [] please tick)

Name _____

Surname _____

Street _____

Postcode / City _____

Place of birth _____

Date of birth _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Website _____

University degree
(University of fine arts / Year) _____

Graduated no more than five years ago

not older than 40 years

Application documents to be submitted in digital form as one coherent PDF file (max. 20 MB) to bewerbung@residencenrw.de

- Application form
- CV, exhibitions, participation in exhibitions, grants
- Portfolio

Application deadline: 5/7/2026 (11:59 pm)

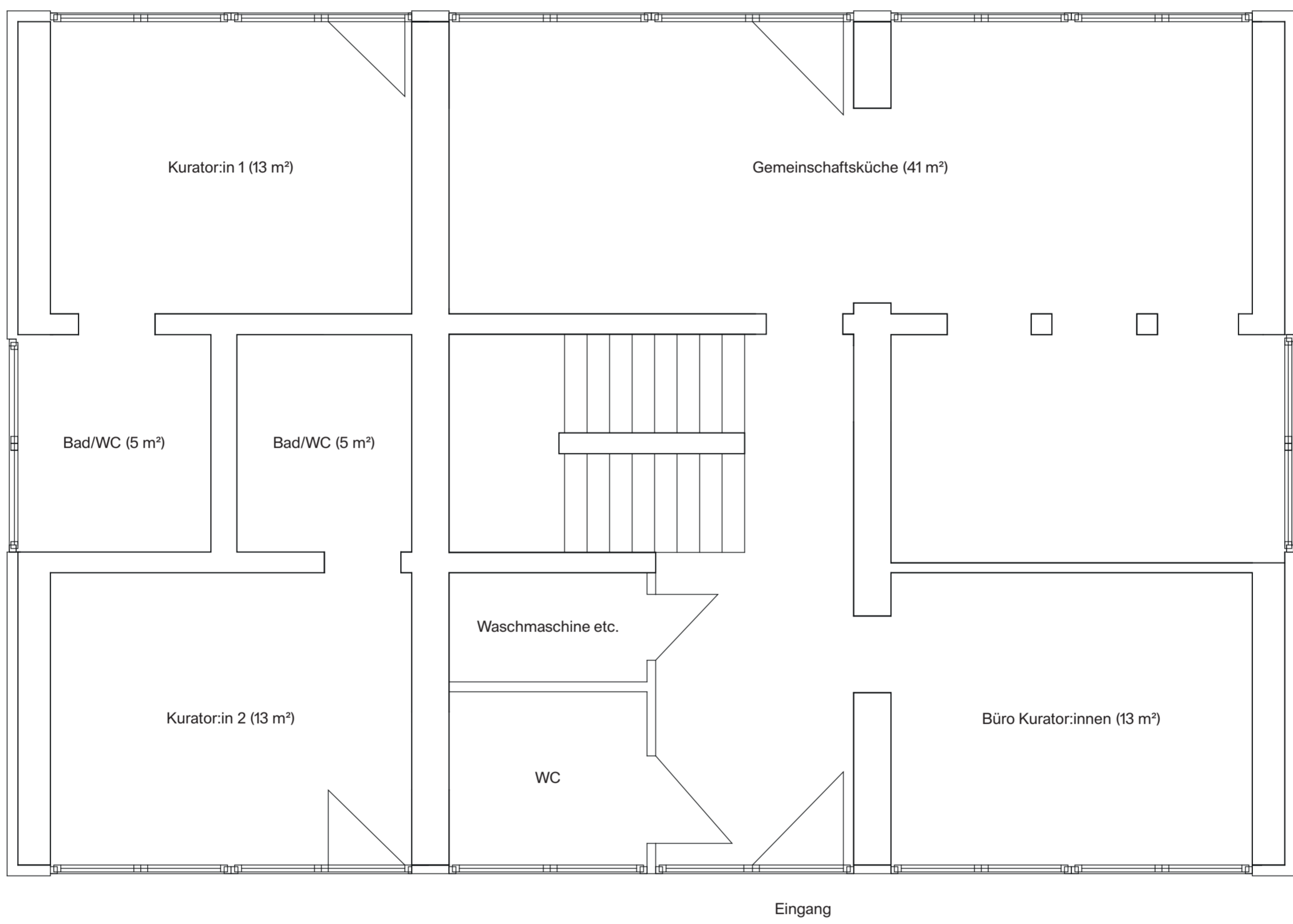
The attached information text on data processing is part of the application form. With your signature you confirm that you have read and understood it and you agree that your data will be collected, used, and saved in accordance with the stated purposes

Place, Date _____

Signature _____

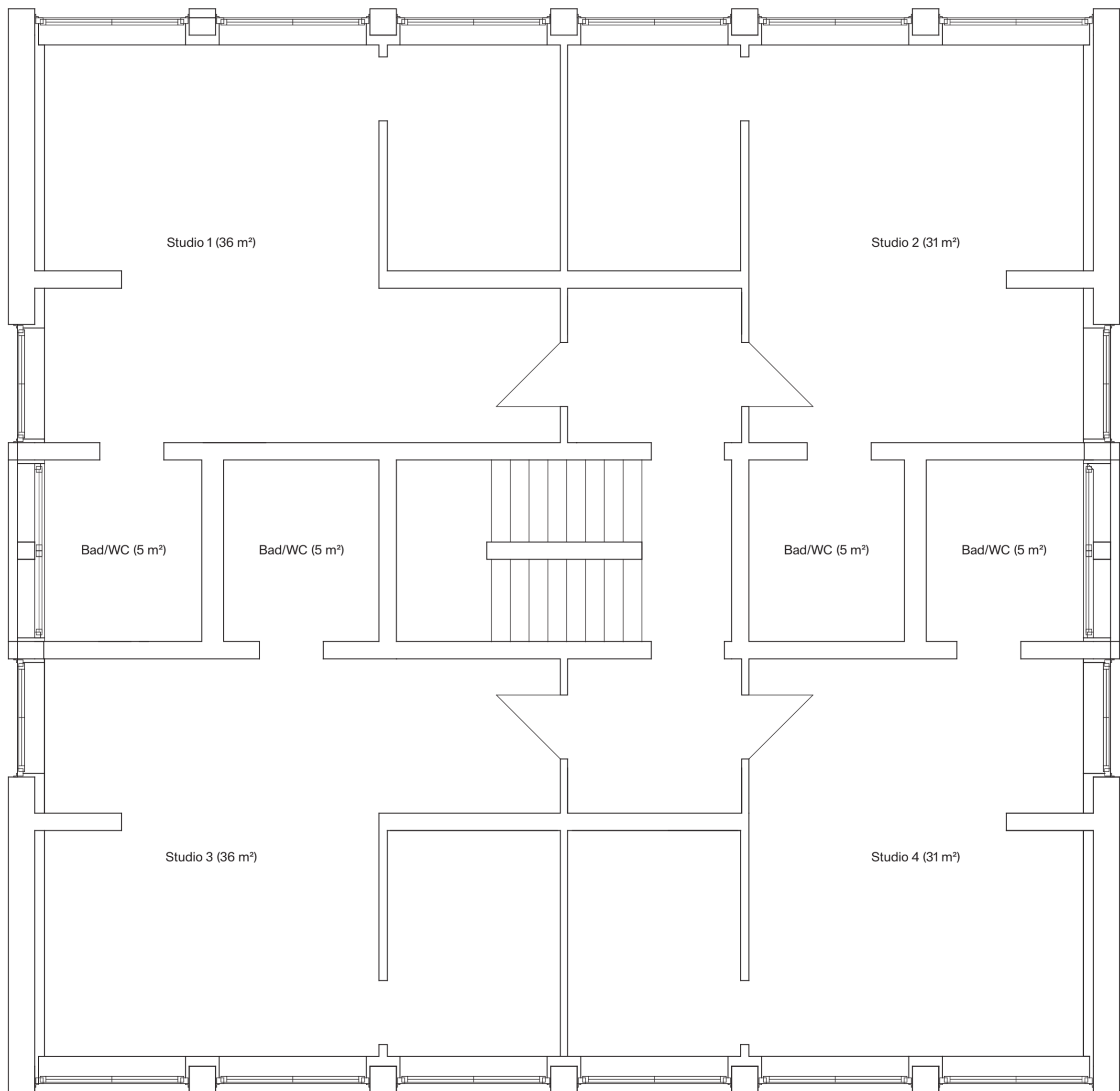
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Information on Data Processing

Name and contact details of the data controller:

Data controller: Stadt Münster, Kulturamt, represented by Merle Radtke, director of Kunsthalle Münster, Stadthaus 1, Klemensstraße 10, D-48143 Münster, Telephone +49 251 492 4100, Fax +49 251 492 7752, Email: kunsthalle@stadt-muenster.de

Contact details of the competent Data Protection Officer:

The competent Data Protection Officer of the municipal administration of Münster can be contacted under the following address: Stadt Münster, 48127 Münster, or via email under datenschutz@stadt-muenster.de

Purposes of the processing and legal basis:

The provision of personal data by you is required for the application of grants for visual artists for the Residence NRW+ programme.

Data categories and source of data:

We collect the following information from you:

- form of address, first name, surname,
- valid E-Mail address,
- postal address,
- telephone number (landline and/or mobile phone),
- Application documents (grant as visual artist, with data concerning artistic projects, CV, participation in exhibitions, bibliography)
- bank details
- national identity card number (if applicable)

Recipients of data or categories of recipients of personal data / disclosure of data to third parties: Your personal data will not be transmitted to third parties for purposes other than the following:

- Manual or automated data synchronization with Merle Radtke as director for Kunsthalle Münster, Marcus Lütkemeyer as director of the Residence NRW+ programme as well as with the respective members of the independent jury (experts in the field of contemporary art: curators of museums and art associations, artists, art professors) to fulfil the application requirements and to give out the advertised grants
- Transmission of form of address, first name, surname, application documents (grant as visual artist, with data concerning artistic projects, CV, participation in exhibitions, bibliography) to members of the jury as part of the selection process

In the case of being selected for the programme:

- Manual or automated data synchronization with the accounting department (Kulturamt) and the Stadtkasse Münster for the purpose of paying out the grant as well as the payment of reimbursements / allowances
- Transmission of form of address, first name, surname, postal address to the Ministry of Culture and Science of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia and Kunststiftung NRW
- Transmission of form of address, first name, surname, application documents (grant as visual artist, with data concerning artistic projects, CV, participation in exhibitions, bibliography) to the respective partner organizations (e.g. museums, art associations) for the end of programme exhibition
- Publication of form of address, first name, surname, a short biography, and link to a website (if applicable) on the programme's website
- Publication of form of address, first name, surname, and link to a website (if applicable) on social media and advertising material (invitations)

Duration of storage:

The personal data (address, bank details) collected by the City of Münster will be deleted by the person responsible after the completion of the programme. Data concerning artistic projects, CV, participation in exhibitions, and bibliography as well as phone number, email address and link to a website is used to expand the network of graduates and will only be deleted after the dissolution of the Residence NRW+ programme.

Rights of the data subject:

- Right to information about stored personal data relating to you and their processing pursuant to Art. 15 GDPR
- Right to correction of data in the event that your data should be inaccurate or incomplete, pursuant to Art. 16 GDPR
- Right to deletion of stored personal data relating to you if one of the requirements under Art. 17 GDPR applies. In addition to the exceptions listed under Art. 17 (3) GDPR, the right to deletion does not exist if deletion is impossible or only possible with disproportionate effort due to the special manner of storage. In such cases, deletion shall be replaced by restriction of the processing pursuant to Art. 18 GDPR.
- Right to restriction of the processing pursuant to Art. 18 GDPR
- The right pursuant to Article 20 GDPR to receive the personal data that you have provided to us in a structured, common, and machine-readable format or to request that it be transferred to another data controller.
- Right of objection against certain data processing measures pursuant to Art. 21 GDPR
- These rights may be restricted pursuant to Art. 23 GDPR. Federal and state legislative authorities have made use of this possibility to restrict the rights of the data subject. If you make use of the above-mentioned rights, the City of Münster will check whether the legal requirements for this are met in your individual case.

Right of appeal to the supervisory authority:

If you are of the opinion that your personal data is being processed in an unlawful manner, you can lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority. The contact details of the supervisory authority responsible for the City of Münster are as follows: Landesbeauftragte für Datenschutz und Informationsfreiheit des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen Postfach 20 04 44, 40102 Düsseldorf (Street address: Kavalleriestr. 2-4, 40213 Düsseldorf), Tel. 0211/38424-0, Fax 0211/38424-10, Email: poststelle@ldi.nrw.de

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