ArtEZ University of the Arts

Criteria for Holland Scholarship

The Holland/ArtEZ scholarships can be divided into two different focus areas, each supporting specific kinds of students who add to the wealth of art practice, research, and making at ArtEZ.

Holland Scholarships

Holland Scholarships are in support of students who perform the potentials for excellence in their respective disciplines.

Excellence needs to be measured on the criteria of:

- quality of work,
- demonstrable application and making in their field,
- a quantifiable academic and performative track record,
- significant experience in the field of application, and
- an objective indication of quality that measures the performance of the student.

The Holland Scholarships are thus, often conservative, falling back on the accepted ideas of traditional education understanding of 'excellence'. While we remain aware that the standardized testing measures of excellence are structurally often skewed towards those who do not fall in the categories of privilege, we do think that there is a need for developing new voices that critically expand and reinforce the fields of art learning and practice.

Thus, excellence in these cases, even though it is premised on demonstrable quantification and performance, still requires a motivation where the student demonstrates their capacity, impulse, aspiration, or desire to produce creative, innovative and critical reflections in their own imagination of their identity as artists and designers.