

## BAK Fellowship: FAQ

### How many Fellowship positions are available in total?

- Of the 10 Fellowship positions, five positions are available for those based in the Netherlands and five for Fellows living in and near Europe (applicants based outside Europe may be accepted on the condition that additional travel funding is independently secured, and/or choose to independently relocate).

### Can I submit my application via e-mail?

- To be eligible, the application needs to be submitted via and according to the questions/specifications listed in the online application form.

### What stipend does BAK provide during the Fellowship?

- BAK provides €15.000 (for 10 months: €1.500 is paid each month). The Fellow pays a participation fee of €3.000 at the beginning of the program, possibly with an individualized payment plan. For internationally-based Fellows, BAK covers travel to and from their listed residence locations and accommodation in Utrecht for the Fellows Intensives, which take place approximately every 6 weeks. Fellows based in the Netherlands receive reimbursement for travel within the Netherlands to and from the Fellows Intensives, and travel and accommodation if a Fellows Intensive takes place outside of the Netherlands.

### What does “low-residency” mean?

- Low-residency means being present in Utrecht for the duration of the Fellows Intensives, which take place approximately every six weeks, each time for the period of 4-6 days. When possible, Fellows are encouraged to participate in BAK programming that takes place outside of the Fellows Intensive days.

### I do not live in or near Europe; am I still eligible?

- The BAK Fellowship is available to those located in or near Europe. Applicants based outside of the region may be accepted on the condition that additional travel funding is independently secured. Alternatively, applicants may

choose to independently relocate. If awarded a Fellowship, the relocating Fellow is responsible for ensuring their visa, relocation, and health insurance. If relocating to the Netherlands and needed, BAK will apply as a recognized sponsor with the Immigration and Naturalization Service for a residence permit for the Fellow for the duration of the Fellowship. In this case, the accepted Fellow will complete the procedure and is responsible for all costs associated with applying and receiving the permit. If you are planning to relocate, please indicate this in your application. If you have any specific questions regarding the need for relocation or securing extra funds, please contact Fellowship Coordinator Whitney Stark at [fellowship@bakonline.org](mailto:fellowship@bakonline.org).

### How do I know if my research resonates within BAK's trajectory *Propositions for Non-Fascist Living*?

- To be able to assess how your research resonates with BAK, we encourage you to get familiar with BAK's mission and programming by reading through BAK's website, especially the current program *Propositions for Non-Fascist Living*: <https://www.bakonline.org/long-term-project/propositions-for-non-fascist-living/>.

### I am doing my MA/PhD at the moment, am I still eligible to apply?

- Current students (MA, PhD, etc.) are not eligible for the BAK Fellowship. The Fellowship program requires at least 60% time commitment and requires Fellows to develop research trajectories unique for the BAK Fellowship Program (and not research that is also done elsewhere through other programs or collaborations). All educational programs must be completed prior to applying for the Fellowship, and any postdoc position period must end before the start of the Fellowship. Those who have participated in a Dutch post-academic program (De Ateliers, European Ceramic Workcentre, Jan van Eyck Academie, Rijksakademie) are ineligible for the BAK Fellowship Program.

### I work in collaboration with another practitioner/researcher. Are we able to make a joint application?

- A BAK Fellowship position is designed for an individual to have ongoing engagement with their research, the program, BAK, and other Fellows, thus each awarded position

requires the same person to be involved throughout. However, if outside financial resources that would allow for additional persons to be present and participate in BAK Fellowship programming are assured by the collaborative applicant prior to the Fellowship, the application is considered. If you choose this option, please indicate this in your application. Alternatively, you may each submit an individual application. This does not ensure that one or both applicants will receive a Fellowship. If one position is granted to someone involved in a collaborative research project, only the individual who is granted the Fellowship can represent the collaboration throughout the Fellowship.

I have another project running in parallel to the prospective BAK Fellowship, what happens if I cannot attend some of the Fellows Intensives?

- The BAK Fellowship is predicated on the presence of all Fellows at the 4-6 day long Fellows Intensives, which take place approximately every 6 weeks (7 times in total), and attendance is a requirement of the Fellowship Program. The Fellow thus must assure that attendance is manageable, included in the conditions of the Fellowship Program and 60% time dedication.