ESCAC × PHOTOLARI SCHOLARSHIP 2026/2027

Scholarship Terms and Conditions

1. PURPOSE

The ESCAC × PHOTOLARI Scholarship aims to support outstanding photographic talent by awarding one (1) full tuition scholarship to pursue the **Master in Photographic Creation and New Audiovisual Formats** at ESCAC.

The scholarship selection process shall also constitute the admission process to the Master's programme for applicants applying through this call. Accordingly, applicants are not required to have been previously admitted to the Master's programme. The applicant selected as scholarship recipient will, by virtue of the award, be admitted to the Master's programme, subject to completion of the corresponding enrolment formalities.

2. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The scholarship covers **100% of the Master's tuition fee** (9.900€). The scholarship does not cover accommodation, travel, insurance, living expenses, or equipment, which shall be borne by the scholarship recipient.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **Be legally entitled, by virtue of their nationality or existing legal status, to reside in Spain and commence the Master's programme on its scheduled start date.** This includes, among others, Spanish nationals, nationals of EU or EEA Member States and Switzerland who meet the applicable residence requirements, and third-country nationals who already hold a valid legal status allowing them to reside in Spain and undertake the programme.
- Hold a relevant degree or demonstrate equivalent experience in the artistic or audiovisual field.
- Submit all documentation required as part of the scholarship application process.
- Demonstrate a level of **English B2 or higher**.

- Commit to attending and successfully completing the programme **in person on the ESCAC campus**, as well as complying with all other scholarship conditions set out below.

4. APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted exclusively through the official application form published by ESCAC, within the deadline set out in Section 7.

Applicants must submit the following documentation:

- A duly completed **application form**, including all requested supporting documents.
- **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**.
- **Artistic portfolio**.
- **Video presentation (pitch)** of no more than 3 minutes, in which the applicant explains who they are, their motivation for studying the Master's programme, and their motivation for applying for the scholarship.
- Evidence of **English proficiency at B2 level or higher**.
- **Photographic project proposal**: a description of a new photographic project, **not yet produced**, that the applicant proposes to develop during the Master's programme within the framework of the final project (TFM). The proposal shall be accompanied by an explanatory dossier describing the project as it would ideally be carried out, including its concept and objectives, the reasons behind it, how and where it would be produced, its format, and any other element the applicant considers relevant. The proposal and the dossier shall be submitted together with the application form, following the format and maximum length set out in it, and are one of the elements of the selection process, evaluated under the criteria set out in Section 5.
- Any additional documentation reasonably required to verify the eligibility requirements or the information provided in the application.

Applications submitted after the deadline or without the required documentation may be excluded from the selection process.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria and weighting:

Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
Artistic Talent	35%
Portfolio and Creative Vision	25%
Project	30%
Alignment with the Master's Programme	10%

The final decision shall be based on the overall assessment of the applications in accordance with the criteria and weightings set out above.

The Selection Committee may declare the scholarship vacant if, in its judgment, none of the applications meets the required level of quality or suitability.

6. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The committee responsible for evaluating the applications and awarding the scholarship shall be composed of:

- **ESCAC:** the Admissions Representative, the Master's Coordinator, the Master's Director and the Product Manager of the Master's Programme
- **PHOTOLARI:** one representative designated by the organisation.

7. TIMELINE

- **Call for Applications Opens:** 5 october 2026
- **Application Deadline:** 9 november 2026
- **Evaluation Period:** november 2026
- **Announcement of Results:** 4 december 2026.
- **Programme dates:** the Master's programme will run from January 2027 to december 2027.

8. CONDITIONS

The scholarship recipient must **formally enrol in the Master's programme**, maintain **satisfactory academic progress** throughout the programme, comply with **ESCAC's academic and disciplinary regulations**, and participate, when requested, in **reasonable promotional activities related to the scholarship**

Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in **ESCAC suspending the scholarship benefits**.

As a condition of the scholarship, the recipient shall provide a **refundable guarantee deposit of €1,500.00 upon accepting the scholarship**. This deposit does not constitute payment of tuition fees, which are fully covered by the scholarship, but is a guarantee requested by ESCAC from all scholarship recipients to ensure compliance with the obligations set out in these Terms and Conditions. The deposit shall be **reimbursed in full upon completion of the Master's programme**, provided that the recipient has fulfilled their duties and responsibilities as a scholarship recipient and has successfully completed the programme in accordance with the academic standards, assessment criteria and requirements generally applicable to students enrolled in the Master's programme.

The scholarship recipient will complete the final project (TFM) of the Master's programme under the same guidelines, deadlines, and supervision established by the faculty in charge of the TFM for all students on the programme. This includes, without exception, submission deadlines, tutor supervision and follow-up, and the formal and technical requirements set out for the course. The scholarship recipient shall develop, within the framework of the final project (TFM), the photographic project submitted as part of the application. The TFM shall comply with the rules established by the Master's Direction, and the recipient shall follow the deadlines, timings and formats set by it. The scholarship recipient shall be subject to these same conditions, with no additional academic obligations and no additional academic benefits.

PHOTOLARI undertakes, within the timeframe it deems appropriate and in any event no later than six (6) months after the final presentation of the project before the ESCAC assessment board, to exhibit the work produced by the scholarship recipient in Barcelona. A presentation event for the exhibited work will be held, and the scholarship recipient commits to attending and taking an active part in this event.

9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Applicants shall retain all copyright and intellectual property rights over the materials submitted as part of their application. ESCAC and PHOTOLARI may use such materials exclusively for the purpose of evaluating the applications.

The scholarship recipient shall at all times retain ownership of the copyright and intellectual property rights over the final project (TFM) and the materials forming part of it.

By accepting these Terms and Conditions, the scholarship recipient grants ESCAC and PHOTOLARI, with effect from the moment the corresponding works are

created, a non-exclusive and royalty-free licence to reproduce, distribute and communicate to the public, including making available through the Internet, the final project (TFM) and the materials forming part of it, exclusively for promotional, institutional and communication purposes related to the scholarship, the Master's programme and the activities of ESCAC and PHOTOLARI.

This licence shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from completion of the Master's programme, shall have worldwide scope and shall cover use in both physical formats, including exhibitions and promotional materials, and digital formats, including websites and social media.

The licence shall not entail any transfer of ownership of the intellectual property rights over the works, which shall at all times remain with the author, and any use of the works shall respect the corresponding authorship credit.

10. DATA PROTECTION

The personal data provided by applicants as part of the scholarship application process, including identification details, CVs, portfolios and video presentations, will be processed for the purposes of managing the call for applications, verifying eligibility requirements, evaluating applications and, where applicable, managing the award and administration of the scholarship.

ESCAC and PHOTOLARI shall each act as independent data controllers in relation to the personal data they process for their respective purposes in connection with the scholarship. Personal data may be disclosed between ESCAC and PHOTOLARI to the extent necessary for the evaluation and selection of applicants and the management of the scholarship.

Each entity shall be independently responsible for complying with the obligations applicable to it under data protection legislation and for providing applicants with the corresponding information regarding its processing activities.

Applicants may exercise their rights of access, rectification, erasure, restriction, objection and, where applicable, data portability before the relevant data controller, in accordance with applicable data protection legislation. Further information on the processing of personal data and the corresponding contact details may be found in the respective privacy policies of ESCAC and PHOTOLARI.

11. WITHDRAWAL AND EXCLUSION

Should the selected applicant decline the scholarship, they must notify ESCAC in writing within **seven (7) working days** of being informed of their selection. Within this same period, the selected applicant must formally accept the scholarship and pay the guarantee deposit referred to in Section 8. Failure to accept the scholarship and pay the deposit within this period shall be deemed a waiver of the scholarship.

The Selection Committee shall establish a ranked reserve list of up to five (5) candidates. Should the selected applicant decline the scholarship, fail to accept it and pay the guarantee deposit within the applicable deadline, or otherwise be unable to take up the scholarship, the scholarship shall be offered to the next candidate on the reserve list, in the order established by the Selection Committee. Each candidate offered the scholarship shall have seven (7) working days to formally accept it and pay the corresponding guarantee deposit, under the same terms.

Should the scholarship recipient voluntarily withdraw from the Master's programme, or be expelled for disciplinary reasons, the scholarship shall be terminated with immediate effect, and the guarantee deposit shall not be reimbursed.

Tuition fees already covered by the scholarship shall not be repayable by the scholarship recipient, except where the scholarship was obtained through fraud, false information or the submission of inaccurate or misleading documentation.

12. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be held liable for any failure or delay in fulfilling its obligations under these Terms and Conditions where such failure or delay results from circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to illness, accident or other circumstances preventing the scholarship recipient from continuing or completing the Master’s programme, or circumstances preventing PHOTOLARI from holding the exhibition or presentation event referred to in Section 8.

In such cases, the parties shall act in good faith to agree on appropriate alternative arrangements whenever reasonably possible.

Where a force majeure event prevents the scholarship recipient from continuing or completing the Master’s programme, the scholarship recipient shall not be required to reimburse any tuition fees already covered by the scholarship, and the guarantee deposit shall be reimbursed in full.

Where the force majeure event affects only the exhibition or presentation event organised by PHOTOLARI, this shall have no effect on the scholarship or on the reimbursement of the guarantee deposit.

13. ACCEPTANCE

Submission of an application for the **ESCAC × PHOTOLARI Scholarship** constitutes full and unconditional acceptance of these Scholarship Terms and Conditions.

14. MODIFICATION OR CANCELLATION

ESCAC and PHOTOLARI reserve the right to modify these Terms and Conditions, extend or amend the application timeline, or cancel the scholarship call where justified by organisational, technical or other circumstances beyond their reasonable control.

Any such modification or cancellation shall be communicated through the same channels used to publish the scholarship call and shall not adversely affect rights already acquired by applicants or the scholarship recipient.