



The **Zentrum Paul Klee** in Bern is the international center of excellence for Paul Klee's complete artistic oeuvre, housed in an extraordinary architectural setting. At the same time, it serves as a venue for interdisciplinary art and cultural engagement, as well as a unique space for encounters, events, and conferences.

Paul Klee Research Fellowship

The Zentrum Paul Klee is announcing the "Paul Klee Research Fellowship" for the first time. The aim is to support innovative Klee studies and to enable researchers to spend one month working intensively with the collection and archives of the ZPK. The research staff at the ZPK will advise and mentor fellows during their archival research.

Funding

- CHF 4,000 as a one-time grant
- Duration: 1 month (September–December 2026; January–June 2027)
- Bern Workspace at the Zentrum Paul Klee, Bern

Travel expenses, accommodation, and any visa-related costs are not included in the grant and must be covered by the fellows themselves.

Eligibility

The fellowship is aimed at advanced Master's students, doctoral candidates, and postdoctoral researchers whose project will engage with the archives and collections of the Zentrum Paul Klee and pursue an innovative research question. In addition to art history, applications from other disciplines (literary studies, musicology, theatre studies, history, philosophy, art education, digital and environmental humanities), as well as from the arts, are explicitly encouraged.

Applicants are expected to submit a short project description (max. 3 pages) including a work and time plan. During the residency, fellows will have the opportunity to present their project in a public workshop at the Zentrum Paul Klee. Upon completion, a brief research report is requested. The research may subsequently be published in *Zwitscher-Maschine. Journal for Klee Studies*.



Zentrum Paul Klee
Bern

Gegründet von
Maurice E. und Martha Müller
sowie den Erben Paul Klee

Support

- Access to the archival holdings and collections of the Zentrum Paul Klee
- On-site workspace and use of the specialized library
- Presentation of the research project in a public workshop
- Invitation to academic events during the residency

Guidelines

Please send the following documents (in German, English, or French) in one PDF file (max. 10 MB) by **April 12, 2026** to: Dr. Toni Hildebrandt toni.hildebrandt@zpk.org :

1. Letter of motivation (max. 1 page)
2. Project description (max. 3 pages)
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Indication of the preferred period (September–December 2026 or January–June 2027)
5. Contact details of two references (no letters of recommendation required)

The selection will be made by a committee of the Zentrum Paul Klee. Applicants will be informed of the decision no later than April 30, 2026.