

Riga Makerspace FashionTEX Student Program General Information & Conditions – March 2026

A) GENERAL INFORMATION

1. What is the Riga Makerspace 2026 FashionTEX workshop

An enriching cultural experience, the Makerspace 2026 Riga Workshop offers a unique opportunity for fashion design students with an interest in digital fashion, as well as recent graduates, to actively engage in one of the central events of FashionTEX – the European Academy for Young Designers to Study Innovative Technologies in Digital Fashion Design.

As the concluding stage of this three-year international initiative, the Riga Makerspace will bring together students and emerging designers from fashion universities across Europe, providing an intensive environment to deepen their theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience in digital fashion design and production technologies.

The project brings together the following partner institutions:

- Koefia Academy, Rome (Italy);
- University of Lisbon, Faculty of Architecture, Lisbon (Portugal);
- Academy of Arts, Architecture & Design, Prague (Czech Republic);
- Amsterdam Fashion Academy, Amsterdam (Netherlands);
- Estonian Academy of Arts, Tallinn (Estonia);
- Kyiv National University of Technologies and Design, Kiev (Ukraine);
- Art Academy of Latvia, Riga (Latvia);
- University of Zagreb, Zagreb (Croatia);
- Vilnius Academy of Arts, Vilnius (Lithuania);
- Westsächsische Hochschule Zwickau, Zwickau (Germany);
- Lodz University of Technology, Lodz (Poland).

Together, these institutions collaborate to advance education and research in digital fashion innovation, fostering a dynamic exchange between academic knowledge, creative practice, and technological experimentation. By integrating the traditions of the Fashion Atelier workshop, rooted in craftsmanship, material exploration, and design culture, with emerging digital technologies such as 3D design, rapid prototyping, and immersive platforms, the partnership creates a forward-looking educational ecosystem.

Project Leader: Europäisches Kulturforum e.V. - More info: <https://fashiontex.eu>

2. Who is the programme for?

The Riga Makerspace 2026 FashionTEX workshop is designed for fashion design students from project partner institutions and recent graduates who are interested in exploring and developing skills in digital fashion design and innovative production technologies.

The programme is particularly suited for participants who wish to gain hands-on experience with digital tools such as Clo3D, 3D printing, and other advanced technologies shaping contemporary fashion design. It is intended for emerging designers who are curious about integrating digital workflows with traditional Fashion Atelier workshops, and who want to expand their creative and technical competencies in preparation for careers in the evolving fashion and creative industries.

The workshop welcomes participants from project partner institutions fashion-related study programmes across Europe who are motivated to experiment, collaborate internationally, and engage with forward-thinking approaches to fashion design and production.

3. What does the programme offer?

The programme includes:

- an e-learning journey, to acquire a deep understanding of the Clo3D software at FashionTEX project partner institutions;
- a two-week onsite training in Riga to get to know the FashionTEX community, immerse into the Riga Makerspace premises and further develop digital fashion skills (3D Printing and Laser Cutting, Clo3D Animation and Textures, Digital Creative Direction, Embroidery and Knitting, and Physical Realization of Digital Designs);
- travel arrangements to Riga;
- accommodation in Riga, Latvia during the duration of the programme onsite;
- lunches while at the Riga Makerspace 2026;
- a grant of € 600.00, consisting of a stipend and a flat rate to cover dinners and local transportation during the two-week stay in Riga paid by projectpartner institutions to its students or recent graduates;
- full support on administrative and training aspects;
- a two-week long experience in Riga, Latvia.

4. Timeline

- 30 March 2026: deadline for participation (date may vary by each partner university);;
- 15-30 May 2026: interview/selection process (dates may vary by each partner university);
- 1-15 June 2026: announcement of selected candidates (dates may vary by each partner university);
- June 2026: travel arrangements;
- July 2026: E-learning (via Teams);
- 30 August 2026: arrival in Riga, Latvia;
- 31 August–12 September 2026: onsite training in the Riga Makerspace;
- 13 September 2026: departure from Riga, Latvia;
- 1 October 2026: FashionTEX Festival Riga 2026.

	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.
Call for participation								
Selection announcement								
Travel arrangements								
E-learning journey								
Onsite training In Riga								
FashionTEX Festival Riga								

5. How to apply

All applicants must submit their application through the dedicated partner institution of the following partner universities:

- Koefia Academy, Rome (Italy)
- University of Lisbon, Faculty of Architecture, Lisbon (Portugal)
- Academy of Arts, Architecture & Design, Prague (Czech Republic)
- Amsterdam Fashion Academy, Amsterdam (Netherlands)
- Estonian Academy of Arts, Tallinn (Estonia)
- Kyiv National University of Technologies and Design, Kiev (Ukraine)
- Art Academy of Latvia, Riga (Latvia)
- University of Zagreb, Zagreb (Croatia)
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The deadline for receiving applications is 23:59 CET on 30 March 2026 (dates may vary by each partner university).

6. What's needed to apply?

- Personal information
- Education information
- Level of spoken languages
- Current skill level in Clo3D (3D garment simulation software)

As part of the open call, we invite students to submit a short motivation letter describing their motivation or short motivation video including:

- o Personal introduction
- o Why do you wish to participate?
- o Why do you believe you would be great for the Riga Makerspace FashionTEX workshop?

- What are the 2 or 3 adjectives you believe your friends would use to describe you?
 - How do you relate to the FashionTEX digital fashion project?
 - Why do you need this programme?
- Curriculum Vitae (PDF)
 - Portfolio (PDF) – optional / if relevant
 - High-resolution profile photo (JPEG or PNG)

7. Selection criteria

Applicants must ensure they meet the following criteria:

- Fashion design student with interest in digital fashion from project partner institutions or recent graduates;
- Fluent in English – sufficient level to understand the training and communicate;
- Proven communication skills;
- Passionate about and skilled in digital fashion;
- Motivated by knowledge transmission;
- Available from end-August to mid September in Riga, Latvia.

8. Who can I contact if I have any questions?

For any questions related to the application process or the Riga Makerspace FashionTEX Programme, please contact the representative from your respective project partner university.

A full list of partner representatives is available here: <https://fashiontex.eu/about/#team>

B) CONDITIONS

9. Commitment

Selected participants are expected to commit to:

- the entirety of the programme, from the announcement of the selected candidates to the end of the Riga Makerspace FashionTEX workshop. They must be willing to travel to Riga, Latvia and spend 2 two weeks onsite, between end-August and mid-September2026;
- following the entire training journey;
- completing the mandatory safety courses under Latvian law (digital and onsite).

10. Terms

- The selected participants will sign a participant agreement with the FashionTEX project.
- The trip to and from Riga (Latvia), local transportation, accommodation, breakfast and lunches are included. Evening meals are not included.
- The modalities of transportation include flights (economy class) and trains (second class).
- Should the selected participants wish to arrive earlier or leave later than the agreed dates, accommodation and meals would be at their own expense.
- Grant modalities: The grant will be paid by your respective project partner university to each participant before the arrival in Riga, Latvia. The scholarship amount is exclusive of VAT and any applicable local taxes, which shall remain the responsibility of the recipient.
- Participating students should have a valid European Health Insurance Card or buy International Travel Insurance.
- Participating students must travel with insurance coverage that protects them against unforeseen incidents (details to be confirmed by each partner university).

11. Acceptance

The successful applicants shall be notified by 15 June 2026 and sign the agreement within 15 (fifteen) days after receiving said agreement by FashionTEX project. The project partner universities reserve the right to cancel applications from candidates who fail to confirm within the prescribed time with no reasonable cause.

12. Communication

The participants are encouraged to communicate their participation in the FashionTEX project Programme Riga Makerspace 2026 on their channels and social media and to tag FashionTEX project and Riga Makerspace. It will not be possible to take pictures with official cameras. Communication guidelines shall be shared at a later stage as part of our communication strategy.

The participants are expected to provide the FashionTEX project team with any communication material requested.

The FashionTEX project Programme Riga Makerspace 2026 organizers reserves the right to send photographers and/or film crew to document the programme. Assets produced by the Riga Makerspace 2026 organizers will be shared with the participants. The participants can use these assets on the condition that credits are mentioned.

13. Code of conduct

Participants are expected to complete the entire Riga Makerspace 2026 FashionTEX Programme, which includes the online training, the onsite training in Riga, Latvia as well as their dedicated time slots during the FashionTEX Festival Riga 2026 exhibition.

The partners of the programme promote and encourage collaboration and knowledge exchange and believe in promoting a safe and efficient environment by enforcing behavioural standards. Active participation is strongly encouraged and expected.

Participants are encouraged to promote the programme through their own channels as mentioned above. They cannot post derogatory comments on the partners of the programme, the programme itself and its organisers. This can be a motive for exclusion.

All participants must deter from indulging in any and all forms of misconduct during and after programme hours, which can affect the image and reputation of the Riga Makerspace, the FashionTEX project and its partners.

Theft, abuse, or damage of available resources, facilities or other participants' properties will lead to exclusion.

Indulging in any form of harassment related to an individual's gender, race, religion or beliefs, skin colour, religion, language, sexual orientation, marital or family status, physical or mental disability, gender identity, etc. will lead to exclusion.

14. Exclusions and cancellations

The Riga Makerspace 2026 FashionTEX program organizers are entitled to immediately exclude a participant in case of non-compliance with the above code of conduct, in situations that could bring prejudice to the FashionTEX project or the Riga Makerspace, for any absence beyond reasonable control or in the case of force majeure for more than 3 days.

In case of exclusion, the participants will have to reimburse travels and accommodation costs, to clear the accommodation site and will be excluded from future FashionTEX project activities until decided otherwise.

Participants can cancel participation prior to travel bookings. After travel booking is arranged, participants are required to reimburse travel costs and, depending on the reason, may be excluded from future FashionTEX project activities.

15. Data privacy

Applicants' data are collected and treated according to the FashionTEX project Privacy Policy and will be shared with organisers for operational purposes only, as well as with partners and sponsors when relevant.

16. Intellectual Property and Rights of Use

Applicants will retain full intellectual property rights to any content they create during their participation in the **FashionTEX project** and the **Riga Makerspace**.

However, by participating, the applicant grants the FashionTEX project partners and the Riga Makerspace organizers a **non-exclusive, worldwide, and time-unlimited right** to use any content (including, but not limited to, texts, photographs, audio recordings, videos, and similar materials) that is created or contributed by the applicant during their participation in activities and events related to the FashionTEX project and the Riga Makerspace.

These rights include, but are not limited to:

- **Reproduction and display** for viewing within the digital platforms and communication channels of the FashionTEX project and the Riga Makerspace;
- **Translation** of the content into other languages;
- **Editing** of the content for optimization or formatting purposes;
- **Combination** of the content with other materials or content.

17. Insurance

The FashionTEX project is exempt from any and all liabilities if an accident were to occur during the onsite training in the Riga Makerspace workshop facilities. Any and all possible claims against the FashionTEX project are therefore irrevocably waived.

We recommend that participants subscribe to travel insurance for the whole duration of their stay in Riga, Latvia.

The European Health Insurance Card is not an alternative to travel insurance. It does not cover: private healthcare costs such as return flights to your home country, lost or stolen property. It does not guarantee free services. Because healthcare systems vary between countries, some services that are free in your home country may not be free in Latvia.

18. Survey

Participants will be expected to reply to surveys throughout the programme.

19. Cancellation

The FashionTEX project partners and the Riga Makerspace 2026 organizers are allowed to cancel the programme any time before the start of or during the programme for any reasons whatsoever, including a case of force majeure. The Organiser of Riga Makerspace has the right to change these General Information and Conditions and the workshop rules either wholly or partially at any time.

For any questions related to the application process or the FashionTEX Riga Makerspace programme in general, please send an email to janis.gailitis@lma.lv or your respective project partner university representatives in The FashionTEX project.

For acceptance:

Partner University:

your organisation:

date:

On behalf of the University:

Representative, title

date:

Student:

Full Name