

## **Justification tuition fees**

Every year, the tuition fees of the Gerrit Rietveld Academie are determined by the Executive board. In order to do this, the following principles apply:

- For some student categories, the academy does not receive government funding. For this reason, we are obliged to charge students from these categories an institutional tuition fee that is higher than the legal tuition fee. In order to also keep its courses accessible to students with limited means, the academy explicitly chooses against charging an institutional fee that would cover all costs.
- For the proportional determination of the institutional tuition fee for part-time students, the nominal course duration of 5 years is taken into account.
- For legal tuition fees as well as institutional tuition fees, annual indexation is taken into account.
- The legal tuition fee is increased on the basis of the 'Special feature small-scale and intensive education' (awarded to the academy by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO) in 2013), which focuses on the above-average educational results of the combined curricular and extra-curricular activities. The fact that the academy has been awarded this special feature means that the institute is allowed to levy a surcharge on the legal tuition fee.
- The Executive Board has decided that every year this surcharge will be increased by € 100 up to a maximum amount of € 500 (starting from the academic year 2018-2019).
- This increased legal tuition fee enables the academy to offer its students an intensive, international form of education that is tailored to the individual. By imposing a relatively limited surcharge on the largest group of students (i.e. the group that can be charged the legal tuition fee), we are able to keep the institutional tuition fee relatively low. The aim of this is to keep the academy as accessible as possible for this small group of students (non-EER students or students with a Dutch bachelor's, or master's, degree) that have to be charged the institutional fee.