

# HOMO FABER

## Young Ambassadors Programme General Information and Conditions November 2025

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1. What is the Young Ambassadors Programme?

An enriching cultural experience, the Young Ambassadors Programme is a unique opportunity for craft, design (or from another creative field) and business students with an interest in craft or recent graduates, to showcase their enthusiasm for craft to visitors of Homo Faber 2026. It offers a chance to meet designers, artisans and creative students from across the world and to forge new connections. Established in 2018, the programme is facilitated through a partnership with Fondazione Giorgio Cini.

#### 2. Who is the programme for?

The Young Ambassadors Programme is aimed at craft and design (or from another creative field) students/recent graduates, as well as business school students/recent graduates with an interest in craft and design.

#### 3. What does the programme offer?

The programme includes:

- ◆ an e-learning journey, to acquire a deep understanding of the Michelangelo Foundation, Homo Faber NextGen, Homo Faber Biennial, the exhibition theme and the exhibited crafts;
- ◆ webinars, to develop communication skills;
- ◆ a one-week onsite training in Venice to get to know the Young Ambassadors community, immerse into the Homo Faber 2026 premises and further develop communication skills;
- ◆ travel arrangements;
- ◆ accommodation in Venice during the duration of the programme onsite;
- ◆ lunches while at the Homo Faber 2026;



- ◆ a grant of € 1'700.00, consisting of a stipend and a flat rate to cover dinners and local transportation during the 6-week stay in Venice paid by Fondazione Giorgio Cini;
- ◆ full support on administrative and training aspects;
- ◆ a month-long experience in Venice.

#### 4. 2026 Timeline

- ◆ 17 November – 1 March 2026: call for participation
- ◆ 1-27 March 2026: interview process
- ◆ 2 April 2026: announcement of selected candidates
- ◆ 1 July – August 2026: online training
- ◆ 19 – 27 August 2026: onsite training in Venice
- ◆ 28 August to 1 October 2026: Homo Faber 2026

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Call for participation											
Interviews											
Selection announcement											
Travel arrangements											
E-learning journey											
Onsite training in Venice											
Homo Faber 2026											

#### 5. How to apply

All applicants must submit their application through the dedicated website: <https://nextgen.homofaber.com/young-ambassadors>

The deadline for receiving applications is **23:59 CET on 1 March 2026**.

#### 6. What's needed to apply?

- ◆ Personal information
- ◆ Education information
- ◆ Level of spoken languages



- ◆ Motivation video including:
  - ◆ Personal introduction
  - ◆ Why do you wish to participate?
  - ◆ Why do you believe you would be a great Young Ambassador?
  - ◆ What are the 2 or 3 adjectives you believe your friends would use to describe you?
  - ◆ How do you relate to “*Homo Faber 2026: An Island of Light*”?
  - ◆ 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:

- ◆ Aged between 18 and 35;
- ◆ Craft, design (or from another creative field) and business student with interest in craft or recent graduates;
- ◆ Fluent in English – sufficient level to understand the training and communicate;
- ◆ Fluent in Italian – minimum A2 level to interact with Italian-speaking visitors;
- ◆ Proven communication skills;
- ◆ Passionate about people;
- ◆ Motivated by knowledge transmission;
- ◆ Available from mid-August to early October in Venice.

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

For any questions related to the application process or the Young Ambassadors Programme in general, please send an email to: [education@homofaber.com](mailto:education@homofaber.com)

## II. 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 Homo Faber exhibition. They must be willing to travel to Venice and spend 6 weeks onsite, between mid-August and 1 October 2026;
- ◆ following the entire training journey;
- ◆ completing the mandatory safety courses under Italian law (digital and onsite)



## 10. Terms

- ◆ The selected participants will sign a grant agreement with the Fondazione Giorgio Cini.
- ◆ The trip to and from Venice, 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 Fondazione Giorgio Cini to each participant in two parts: the first part corresponding to the flat rates will be paid before the arrival in Venice, while the second part will be paid upon completion of the programme. **The scholarship amount is exclusive of VAT and any applicable local taxes, which shall remain the responsibility of the recipient.**

## 11. Acceptance

The successful applicants shall be notified by 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 and sign the agreement within 7 (seven) days after receiving said agreement by Fondazione Giorgio Cini. Fondazione Giorgio Cini and Michelangelo Foundation reserve the right to cancel applications from candidates who fail to confirm within the prescribed time with no reasonable reason.

## 12. Communication

The participants are encouraged to communicate on their participation in the Young Ambassadors Programme on their channels and social media and to tag Fondazione Giorgio Cini and Michelangelo Foundation. 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 Michelangelo Foundation with any communication material requested.

The Michelangelo Foundation reserves the right to send a photograph and/or a film crew to document the programme. Assets produced by the Michelangelo Foundation 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 Young Ambassadors Programme, which includes the online training, the onsite training in Venice as well as their dedicated time slots during the Homo Faber 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 Michelangelo Foundation, the Fondazione Giorgio Cini 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 Michelangelo Foundation and Fondazione Cini 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 Fondazione Cini or Michelangelo Foundation, 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 Michelangelo Foundation projects until decided otherwise.

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

#### 15. Data privacy

Applicants' data are collected and treated according to Michelangelo Foundation's [Privacy Policy](#) and will be shared with organisers for operational purposes only as well as with partners and sponsor when relevant.

#### 16. Insurance

The Michelangelo Foundation is exempt from any and all liabilities if an accident were to occur during the onsite training or the Homo Faber exhibition. Any and all possible claims against the Michelangelo Foundation are therefore irrevocably waived.

We recommend that participants subscribe to a travel insurance for the whole duration of their stay in Venice.

#### 17. Survey

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



18. Cancellation

The Michelangelo Foundation and the Fondazione Cini 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.

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