

FARM 2026

Fostering Artistic Research in Music

FARM is an **Erasmus Blended Intensive Programme** jointly organized by four music institutions: Conservatorio Santa Cecilia of Rome (Italy, Coordinating Institution), Universidade de Aveiro (Portugal), Royal Irish Academy of Music Dublin (Ireland), and Orpheus Instituut of Gent (Belgium).

FARM stands for “Fostering Artistic Research in Music”. This intensive international programme held in English addresses **master and doctoral students** (performers, composers, and other musical figures) interested in the topic of artistic research. In this programme, students will discover how to rethink and improve their music practice through artistic research and to respond to the economic, cultural, and technological environment that they are confronted with.

The whole **course** of the blended intensive programme consists of all two phases:

- the online lessons
- the face-to-face lessons at the Orpheus Instituut in Gent (Belgium)

In the first phase, the elements that distinguish artistic research will be examined: research question, research field, methodologies, and communication. In the second phase, actual research projects will be presented and students will be able to develop their projects during workshops.

Learning Goals

By attending the blended intensive programme, students will be able to

- improve their intercultural skills and knowledge on artistic research
- devise and develop their own research projects
- network with fellow-students from different European countries
- earn up to 3 ECTS

Schedule

Virtual meetings of the **preparation phase** will be held on the following dates:

- Virtual Meeting 1: Tuesday, September 29, 14:00-16:00 CET/13:00-15:00 GMT
- Virtual Meeting 2: Tuesday, October 6, 14:00-16:00 CET/13:00-15:00 GMT
- Virtual Meeting 3: will be planned after the intensive week at the Orpheus Instituut.

The **second phase** will take place at the Orpheus Instituut from Monday, October 12 to Saturday, October 17.

Application

Please apply by uploading one single PDF-file until **June 20, 2026**. This file should include:

- a full CV with all your contact information and the name of your institution (max 2000 characters)
- a brief description of your current research interests (max 3000 characters).

Up to a maximum of 12 students from the Conservatorio Santa Cecilia of Rome, 10 from the Universidade de Aveiro, and 10 of the RIAM Dublin will be selected.

The BIP is free. There are no course fees, plus students will receive a mobility grant from EU Erasmus funds.

For more information, get in touch with either

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