

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALAM****Abstract**

Higher Education Department- Technical- Prospectus for admission to Master of Fine Arts, 2026-27- Approved- Orders issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION(J) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1180/2026/HEDN Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 16-09-2026

Read:- Letter No. DTETVM/1100/2026-ACB2(ACB) Dated 04.08.2026 & 31.08.2026 from the Director of Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram

ORDER

In the circumstances reported by the Director of Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram in his letters read above, Government are pleased to approve the Prospectus for admission to Master of Fine Arts(MFA) course for the academic year 2026-27, appended to this order.

(By order of the Governor)

SUNIL KUMAR S
JOINT SECRETARY

To:

- 1.The Director of Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram
- 2.The Principal, College of Fine Arts, Thiruvananthapuram / Mavelikkara/Thrissur
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Section Officer

MFA Prospectus

2026

**College of Fine Arts Kerala
Thiruvananthapuram**

**Directorate of Technical Education
Government of Kerala**

PROSPECTUS

MASTER OF FINE ARTS 2026 - 27

1. INTRODUCTION

The College of Fine Arts Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram is the prime institution in the state in fine arts education, was established in 1888 by the erstwhile Maharaja of Travancore and has been functioning under the Directorate of Technical Education, Kerala, The examinations are conducted and the degree is awarded by the University of Kerala.

The College offers the Masters degree in painting and Sculpture, primarily for the graduate in Fine Arts with specialization in Painting and Sculpture. MFA is basically a studio bound course with theoretical studies in art history and aesthetics.

The duration of the course is two years, divided into four semesters and each semester comprising of ninety days. There will be internal assessments and examinations held by the University at the end of each semester. In the fourth semester a student has to submit a dissertation.

2. NUMBER OF SEATS

MFA (Painting) : 12 (Twelve) Seats

MFA (Sculpture) : 08 (eight) Seats

3. ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must have successfully completed graduation in fine arts (BFA or Equivalent) with specialization in Painting for admission to MFA (Painting) and in Sculpture for admission to MFA (Sculpture) from a recognized University after having attended a regular course of four or five year duration. Those candidates who needs Eligibility Certificate from Kerala University should apply for the same within 15 days of admission.

4. **RESERVATION OF SEATS**

Percentage Break up of seats as per mandatory reservation is follows:

(A)		State Merit (SM)	50%	
(B)		Economically Weaker Sections in General Category (EWS)	10%	
(C)		Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC)	30%	
	a.	Ezhava(EZ)	9%	
	b.	Muslim(MU)	8%	
	c.	Other Backward Hindu (BH)	3%	
	d.	Latin Catholic and Anglo Indian(LA)	3%	
	e.	Dheevara and related communities(DV)	2%	
	f.	Viswakarma and related communities (VK)	2%	
	g.	Kusavan and related communities (KN)	1%	
	h.	Other Backward Christian(BX)	1%	
	i.	Kudumbi(KU)	1%	
(D)		Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes	10%	
	a.	Scheduled Castes(SC)	8%	
	b.	Scheduled Tribes(ST)	2%	

E) Candidates from other states are included only in the General Category.

For selection of appropriate candidates Roster system will be followed under DTE

Note: 1. As per GO (MS) No. 46/2015/SCSTDD, Dated. 23.06.2015

a) Candidates belonging to Ezhava, Muslim, Other Backward Hindus, Latin Catholic & Anglo Indians, Dheevara and related communities, Viswakarma and related Communities, Kusavan and related communities, Other Backward Christian and Kudumbi communities, claiming reservation under SEBC Quota should invariably upload Non-creamy Layer certificate in the prescribed format for State Government Education purpose obtained from the Village Officer concerned.

b) Candidates claiming reservation under OEC Quota should invariably upload Non-Creamy layer certificate in the prescribed format for State Government Education purpose obtained from the Village Officer concerned. OEC candidates who do not come under Non-Creamy Layer Category should upload the Community Certificate obtained from the Village Officer along with the online application for availing the fee concession. If the community is correctly recorded in SSLC/Educational Certificate it will be considered instead of the community certificate issued by the Village Officer.

c) For Scheduled Cast (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) Candidates belonging to Kerala State, the reservation of seat is 8% and 2% respectively. Candidates claiming reservation under SC/ST quota should upload a self attested copy of the Cast/Community Certificate obtained from Tahsildar along with online application form.

d) 5% seats are reserved for candidates with benchmark disabilities for all courses in Govt./Aided Colleges as stipulated in Section 32, Chapter VI of the Persons with Disabilities Act 2016. As per Clause 2(r), chapter I of the Act, Person with benchmark disability, means a person with not less than 40% of a specified disability where specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, certified by the certifying authority.

e) One seat is reserved in any one of the institution for son/daughter of Ex-servicemen belonging to Kerala State. Application to this category should produce a certificate along with application, a certificate obtained not earlier than six months from the last date of application from the Zilla Sainik Welfare Officer concerned to the effect that he/she is the son/daughter of Ex-servicemen or an Ex-servicemen himself/herself. The certificate should clearly show that the benefit of reservation has not been granted earlier to any member in the family. In the absence of the certificate, the claim will not be considered.

f) Two seats shall be created over and above the sanctioned strength exclusively for admitting Transgender students. (G.O (MS)No. 542/2021 /H.EDN, dated.19.11.2021). Such candidates should submit transgender identity card issued by the State Govt. at the time of admission.

g) As per the GO (MS) No128/2020/HEDN Date, 20.03.2020. Government have decided to implement 10 % reservation for Economically Weaker Section in general category (EWS) to all Higher Educational Institutions other than minority institutions, where reservation to other back ward classes are provided. EWS certificate in the prescribed format should be uploaded to the online application for claiming reservation under EWS quota seats.

h) The reservation as stipulated in para (a) to (g) above will be implemented as the Roaster chart shown below. The roaster chart is prepared for 100 positions to include all the reservations. This chart will be followed for the 2025-26 admission onwards.

i) If a candidate is not available to fill a particular seat designated for a specific position in the Roaster chart allotment process will continue skipping that position.

j) The un availed reservation seat in the previous year will be given priority in the next academic year.

h) Inter - Caste marriage certificate in the prescribed format from the Tahsildar concerned should be uploaded to the online application for candidates who are children of Inter Caste married couple of whom one is SC/ST, and who are eligible for educational and monetary benefits admissible to SC/ST as per Para 2(ii) of GO(MS)No.25/2005/SCSTDD, Dated, 20/06/2005.

MFA ROTATION CHART-2026-27

Sl.No	2026-27		2027-28		2028-29		2029-30	
1	OC		OC		OC		OC (Painting)	
2	E/B/T		E/B/T		E/B/T		E/B/T “	
3	OC		OC		OC		OC “	
4	EWS		EWS		EWS		EWS “	
5	OC		OC		OC		OC “	
6	ST		SC		SC		SC “	
7	OC		OC		OC		OC “	
8	M		M		M		M “	
9	OC		OC		OC		OC “	
10	LC		OBH		LC		OBH “	
11	OC		OC		OC		OC (Sculpture)	
12	E/B/T		E/B/T		OBH		E/B/T “	
13	OC		OC		OC		OC “	
14	EWS		EWS		EWS		EWS “	
15	OC		OC		OC		OC “	
16	KUS		M		KUD		M “	
17	PH		PH		PH		PH “	
18	SC		SC		ST		SC “	
19	EX		EX		EX		EX (Painting)	
20	VK		DV		VK		DV ”	
21	OC	8	OC	8	OC	8	OC	8
	PH	1	PH	1	PH	1	PH	1
	EXS	1	EXS	1	EXS	1	EXS	1
	E/B/T	2	E/B/T	2	E/B/T	1	E/B/T	2
	EWS	2	EWS	2	EWS	2	EWS	2
	SC	1	SC	2	SC	1	SC	2
	ST	1	M	2	ST	1	M	2
	M	1	OBH	1	M	1	OBH	1
	LC	1	DV	1	LC	1	DV	1
	KUS	1	TOTAL	20	OBH	1	TOTAL	20
	VK-	1			KUD	1		
	TOTAL	20			VK	1		
					TOTAL	20		

5. FEES

Fees for the programe are as follows

Admission Fee	-	Rs.190/-
Tuition Fee (Per annum)	-	Rs.5,481/-
Special Fees (Per annum)	-	Rs. 3,880/-
Caution Deposit	-	Rs. 1050/-
University Fees	-	As per existing University Rules

6. APPLICATION FEE AND ITS PAYMENT OPTIONS

Application form, prospectus and guidelines for online submission of application form are available in the website: [www. dtekerala.gov.in](http://www.dtekerala.gov.in). Applicants can pay the fees online (InternetBanking/UPI payments/Credit or Debit card transactions) while submitting their applications. Application form number has to be specified for online fee payment. The fee receipt in pdf format has to be attached along with the application. Application fee is Rs.500/- and Rs. 250/- in case of SC/ST Candidate.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Applications should be submitted online by logging in to the website www.dtekerala.gov.in. The required entries in the online application are to be filled with extreme care, as this information is used for preparing the rank list. The procedure of online submission of application will be completed only by uploading all supporting documents and certificates. Candidates are directed to keep a copy of the print out of confirmation page of the online application form for further reference. Do NOT send the print out of the confirmation page and supporting documents to the office of the DTE by post/ E mail/ in person. Candidates are liable to produce all the original documents as and when required by DTE/ admitting authority for verification.

DOCUMENTS TO UPLOADING

- a) Attested true copy of SSLC Book or equivalent certificate.
- b) True copy of mark list of qualifying Examination.
- c) True copy of the Community and Income Certificate for those who claim reservation under SEBC Quota
- d) True copy of Community Certificate in the case of SC/ST Candidates obtained from the Tahsildar.
- e) Medical certificate, E W S certificate, Photo and signature of applicant.

7. SELECTION

Application will be scrutinized and selection will be made by a committee constituted by the Principle, College of fine Arts Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram. Selection of candidates will be based on 25% weightage on marks in the qualifying Examination, 50% weightage for presentation of creative works and 25% for performance in the interview. The maximum marks for evaluation for MFA admission will be 100.

Rank list will be prepared and published on the basis of marks obtained in the qualifying Examination and interview. (At the time of interview you have to submit Ten Transparencies/Photographs of the creative work of the candidates.) This list of candidates selected to appear for the interview and for admission will be published in the web site www.dtekerala.gov.in only. No individual communication will be sent to the related candidates. All candidates who have appeared for admission are advised to visit the above site frequently.

The selection will be provisional and subject to the verification of the original qualifying documents by the Principal, College of Fine Arts Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram at the time of admission.

Tie-Break rule:-

If two candidates have same Index mark higher rank will be awarded to the candidate with the age relaxation.

Weed out rule:-

Documents related to the admission will be kept only for one year.

The selection will be provisional and subject to the verification of the original qualifying documents by the principal, College of Fine Arts Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram at the time of admission.

Any other details not specifically covered by the clauses given in the prospectus will be decided by the undersigned and is empowered to cancel admission, if found illegal and the decision will be final.

DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION