

## Orchestra Academies & Training Programs

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Selected paying/fellowship programs (costly pay-to-participate programs not included)

### Europe & UK

[Badische Staatskapelle](#), Karlsruhe, Germany

Age: Post-grad. Duration: 1 season. Stipend: €800/mo

[Bamberger Symphoniker Akademie](#), Germany

Age limit: 26. Duration: Max 2 yrs. Stipend: €800/mo

[Bayerische Staatsorchester](#), Munich

Age limit: 26. Duration: Max 2 yrs. Stipend: €1000/mo

[Bergische Symph. Orchesterakademie](#), Solingen

Age limit & Duration: Inquire. Stipend: €800/mo

[Berliner Philharmoniker Akademie](#), Germany

Age limit: 25. Duration: Max 2 yrs. Stipend: €950/mo

[Branimir Slokar Academy](#), Ljubljana, Slovenia

Age: 18 minimum. Duration: 2 yrs

Stipend: per diem, housing, travel funding in Europe

[Bruckner Orchester Linz Akademie](#), Austria

Age: Post-grad. Duration: 2 yrs. Stipend: €850/mo

[Bühnen Halle Orchesterakademie](#), Germany | [Jobs](#)

Age limit: 26. Duration: 1 year. Stipend: €700/mo

[Chamber Orch. of Europe Academy](#), London

Age: Recent grads. Duration: 10-day tour + rehearsal

Stipend: per diem, housing, travel funds

[Czech Philharmonic Academy](#), Prague

Age limit: 26. Duration: 2 yrs. Stipend: 40k CZK/yr

[Deutsches Symphonie Orchester Academy](#), Berlin

Age limit: 25. Duration: 1 year. Stipend: €700/mo.

[Düsseldorfer Symphoniker Orchesterakademie](#)

Age limit: Inquire. Duration: 2 years

Stipend: €930 mo. [Vacancies](#).

[Essener Philharmoniker Orchesterakademie](#), Essen

Age limit: 27. Duration: 1 Season. Stipend: €820/mo.

[Paul Hindemith Orchesterakademie](#), Germany

Age: Post-grad. Duration: 1-2 yrs. Stipend: €900 /mo.

[Gewandhausorchester Academy](#), Leipzig, Germany

Age: Post-grad. Duration: 2 years. Stipend: €750/mo

[Hofer Symphoniker](#), Germany

Age: Postgrad. Duration: Inquire Stipend: €870 /mo

[hr-Sinfonieorchester Orchesterakademie](#), Frankfurt

Age: Post-grad. Duration: 2 yrs. Stipend: €992/mo

[Konzerthaus Berlin Orchesterakademie](#) | [Vacancies](#)

Age limit: 28. Duration: 1 Season. Stipend: €700 /mo.

[London Philharmonic Orchestra](#), UK

Age range: Recent grads. Duration: 1 year

Stipend: £1000 total. Eligibility: Right to work in UK

[Münchner Philharmoniker Orchesterakademie](#)

Age limit: 26. Duration: 2 yrs. Stipend: €800/mo

[Die Joseph Joachim Akademie](#), Hannover

Age limit: 28. Duration: 2 years. Stipend: €800/mo.

[Orchesterakademie Rhein-Neckar](#), Mannheim

Age limit: 29. Duration: Sept-July. Stipend: €6250

[l'Orchestre de l'Opéra de Paris](#), France

Age limit: 28. Duration: Sept-June. Stipend: Inquire

[Orchestre de la Suisse Romande](#), Geneva, Switz.

Age limit: 28. Duration: 1 year. Deadline March 1

Stipend: 30,000 CHF/year, less 4500 tuition fee

[Philharmonia Zürich Orchesterakademie](#), Switz.

Age limit: 26; Duration: 2 yrs. Stipend: CHF ~26K /yr.

[Philharmoniker Hamburg Orchesterakademie](#)

Age limit: 26; Duration: 2 Yrs. [Vacancies](#)

[Radio Symphonie Orchester Wien](#), Austria

Age: Post-grad, up to 30; Duration/Stipend: Inquire

[Rheinische Philharmonie](#), Koblenz, Germany

Age: <30; Duration: 1 season; Stipend: €750/mo

[Royal Concertgebouw Academy](#), Amsterdam

Age limit: 26. Eligibility: EU citizens

Duration: 1 yr. Stipend: Inquire

[Royal Philharmonic of Galicia](#), Spain (€700 fee)

Age: <30. Duration: Oct-June. Stipend: €300/mo.

[Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Academy](#), Sweden

Age limit: Post-graduate. Fee: Free for EU Citizens.

Duration: Oct-June. Stipend: Up to €900/mo.

[Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin](#), Germany

Age: Post-grad. Eligibility: Strings only

Duration: 2 years. Stipend: €700/mo

[Staatskapelle Berlin](#), Germany

Age limit: 27. Duration: Max 2 yrs. Stipend: €1176/mo

[Staatskapelle Dresden Academy](#), Germany

Age limit: 27. Duration: Max 2 yrs. Stipend: €615/mo

[Staatsphilharmonie Nürnberg](#), Germany

Age limit: 29. Duration: 1-2 yrs. Stipend: €800/mo

[Tonkünstler Orchester Akademie](#), Vienna, Austria

Age limit & Stipend: Unspecified. Duration: 2 yrs.

[WDR Orchesterakademie](#), Köln, Germany

Age limit: 26. Duration: 2 yrs. Stipend: €800/mo

## USA

[Chicago Civic Orchestra](#), Chicago, IL

**Age range:** usually 22-30. **Duration:** 1 season

**Stipend:** \$7,300/season; supplements for principals and chamber music engagements

[Bard's Orchestra Now](#), Hudson, NY

**Eligibility:** Must have bachelors or equivalent

**Duration:** 3 years. **Stipend:** \$24000/year, health benefits, full scholarship for MM degree.

[New World Symphony](#), Miami, FL

**Eligibility:** Post-grad; **Duration:** Up to 3 years

**Stipend:** \$1,960/mo, one \$350 travel grant, housing

## Asia & Oceania

[Auckland Philharmonic Fellowships](#), New Zealand

**Eligibility:** NZ or Australian citizens/perm. residents

**Age limit:** 30. **Duration:** 4-5 mos. **Stipend:** \$6,000

[Hyogo Performing Arts Center Orchestra](#), Japan

**Age limit:** 35. **Duration:** Up to 3 years

**Stipend:** \$33,500/year, \$900 travel, housing subsidy

[Shanghai Orchestra Academy](#), China

**Eligibility:** Post-graduate. **Duration:** 2 years

**Stipend:** Scholarship; up to 8,000 RMB (\$1,285)/year

## Summer Programs

[Lucerne Festival Academy](#), Switzerland

**Age limit:** 28. **Duration:** 3 weeks in late summer

**Stipend:** per diem, housing, travel funds

[Moritzburg Festival Academy](#), Dresden, Germany

**Age range:** 16-26. **Duration:** 2-3 weeks in August

**Stipend:** board & housing, travel allowance

[Music Academy of the West](#), Santa Barbara, CA

**Age range:** 18-34 (18-27 for string players)

**Duration:** 8 wks. **Stipend:** full scholarship, rm, board

[National Academy Orchestra](#), Hamilton, Ontario

**Eligibility:** Canadian citizens or landed immigrants

**Age range:** 18-30. **Duration:** 9 wks. **Stipend:** \$430/wk

[National Orchestra Institute](#), College Park, MD

**Age range:** 18-28; **Duration:** 4 wks in June

**Stipend:** Full scholarships (\$350 fee). Housing fee.

[National Repertory Orchestra](#), Breckenridge, CO

**Eligibility:** At least 1 year of college/conservatory

**Age range:** 18-28. **Duration:** 8 wks, June-July

**Stipend:** Full fellowship + housing; \$425 for food

[National Youth Orchestra of Canada](#), Toronto

**Eligibility:** Canadian residents (international

students pay \$5,000 and don't receive stipends)

**Age range:** 16-28. **Duration:** 7-8 weeks

**Stipend:** \$1,000 or \$4,000; Full scholarship; housing

[Pacific Music Festival](#), Sapporo, Japan

**Age range:** 18-29. **Duration:** 1 month in mid-summer

**Stipend:** food allowance, housing & travel provided

[Schleswig-Holstein Festival](#), Rendsburg, Germany

**Age limit:** 26; **Duration:** Summer; touring possible

**Stipend:** per diem, housing, travel funds

[Sommer Oper Bamberg](#), Germany

**Age limit:** 28. **Duration:** 3 weeks in June

**Stipend:** per diem & housing (no funding for travel)

[Tanglewood Music Center](#), Lenox, MA

**Age range:** usually 18-30. **Duration:** 2 mos in summer

**Stipend:** housing & 2 meals daily

[Verbier Festival](#), Switzerland

**Age limit:** 29. **Duration:** Late June-early August

**Compensation:** Travel funds, housing, food

[West-Eastern Divan Workshop](#), International Tour

**Eligibility:** Middle Eastern or Spanish heritage

**Age range:** 14-28. **Duration:** 3 weeks

[Youth Orchestra of the Americas](#), Washington, DC

**Eligibility:** Citizen or resident of the Americas

**Age range:** 18-30; **Duration:** 1-2 mo. tour;

**Stipend:** meals, travel, housing, full scholarship

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