PolARTS provides a platform for mutual exchange and interaction between the polar sciences and the arts. Funding is provided to establish collaborations in a transdisciplinary tandem team composed of an artist and a polar researcher.

Participation is open to scientists of all career stages active in polar and high-altitude regions and to artists from all fields. To facilitate the collaborative process, the artist can apply for additional funding in order to accompany the scientist in the field.

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