

Call for applications for AIR_BALTIC residency spring 2016

BAC–Baltic Art Center invites professionals within the field of visual arts to apply to our new AIR_BALTIC Residency, a pilot for research- and artist collaboratives from the Nordic-Baltic region. The program is aimed at supporting practices that focus on the specific geo-political and social-historical context of the Baltic Sea region, and encourages reflective thinking about its rich heritage and multiple identities. The program should be seen as an opportunity to try out different types of collaborations, which may have an interdisciplinary character.

BAC welcomes applications for the spring 2016 residency from groups of three people, where at least two have a contemporary visual arts background. All three must be based in the Nordic countries or Baltic states. The program focuses on the collaborative rather than individual practice, and it emphasizes the research/pre-production phase. It is intended to provide an environment where participants can experiment, develop projects or test new ideas.

Groups from all media are invited to apply. BAC requests residents to stay for a three-week period (21 consecutive days). Possible residency times: April 4 - 24 2016 or between mid-May and mid-June 2016. Please state in the application your preferred period.

BAC expects the group to hold a public event, which could be an artist talk, screening, seminar or other. It intends to publicize the residency on its website and ask participants to contribute with texts about the residency with details about the research process and exchanges. BAC also requests the group to leave some visual documentation of their residencies.

Potential space at BAC's premises for presentations can be discussed, though projects need not result in a physical art object or finalized products. Please note there is no exhibition as part of this residency program.

ELIGIBILITY

Only groups can apply and only artists / researchers who apply through this call will be considered for the program. One of the participants should act as project leader and be responsible for submitting the application. All participants must be from any of the Nordic countries or Baltic states, or be professionally based in any of these countries.

The eligible countries: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden, as well as autonomous regions such as the Åland Islands, the Faroe Islands, and Greenland. BAC is committed to equal opportunity for all.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Financial Support: Participants receive a 9650 SEK honorarium (gross*), paid out as follows: 7350 SEK will be issued at the beginning of the residency, and 2300 SEK will be paid contingent upon the program's completion (unless an alternate agreement is made between the participants and BAC).

In addition to the honorarium, participants will be reimbursed up to 4150 SEK for travel expenses* and up to 8500 SEK (gross) to cover expenses incurred in the course of research and pre-production**.

* The honorarium will be paid after receiving an invoice and income taxes will be the responsibility of participants. In case of VAT (moms) charges the amount must be included in the full amount of the invoice. BAC cannot pay out stipends.

** All participants are responsible for their own visa if necessary, and expenses extending the reimbursement amount provided.

*** Forms of invoicing and administration will be discussed. VAT (moms) included.

FACILITIES

Each participant is provided with a private mini-apartment with separate bathroom and kitchenette at BAC's premises, located in the center of Visby. There is also a common kitchen, a lounge with a book and video library, and a separate space for group work and public activities. A 5-seat car may be available to residents, but gasoline costs must be covered by the project budget. A conference room can be booked for meetings.

BAC collaborates with local organizations that may be able to help projects with technical equipment. Please note that BAC has no studios or technical facilities.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application should outline the initial research idea, and specifically focus how this relates to the heritage and multiple identities of the Nordic/Baltic region. It should also state how you imagine the collaborative research process working. Include a motivation for why you wish to collaborate, and how you see that your respective practices can enrich each other.

The application should be submitted by email and we ask that all documents included to be sent in pdf format. Please state full name, telephone number and email address clearly on all separate attachments.

The application should be in English and include:

- A description of the initial idea (max. 500 words).
- An outline of the imagined process and a clear motivation for the collaboration (max. 1000 words).
- Research/pre-production budget for how you plan to use the 8500 SEK.
- Detailed bios of each participant with portfolios (max. 5 pages) including links to previous works and/or references to collaborative practice.

Applications must be submitted by February 14, 2016.

Please send your application to the following email:

residency@balticartcenter.com

Please do not send applications by post.

For further inquiries please contact Anna Norberg: anna@balticartcenter.com

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