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FUNDING ACTIVITIES

The URBAN NATION MUSEUM FOR URBANCONTEMPORARY ART, a Berliner Leben foundation project which opened in 2017, is expanding its role as a museum that promotes international exchange within the field of urban and new contemporary art, thanks to the Artist in Residence scholarships. A total of 13 fellows will be invited to work in Berlin for a period of 3 or 6 months.

The Artist in Residence scholarships offer artists and creatives from the field of urban and contemporary art the time, space and resources to dedicate themselves to an artistic project based on the foundation's funding priorities. Those awarded with scholarships will be given the opportunity to receive new impulses during their stay and to further their artistic development within Berlin's cultural scene, while also gathering important experience for their future careers.

A new living environment, coupled with the contact and interaction with other artists, provides ideal conditions for developing one's own creativity and kickstarting new artistic creative processes. This call for applicants is aimed at people who, by artistic means, reflect on the relationship and development between humans and the urban environment in an era of globalisation and digitalisation.

The Artist in Residence scholarships will be awarded for 6 months from April to September 2019, or three months 3-month scholarships can only be started from April 2019.





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FUNDING PRIORITIES

Thanks to the Artist in Residence scholarships, the Berliner Leben foundation creates conditions for artistic project development through its URBAN NATION project. Funding will be provided for project ideas that are expressed through artistic work, those which fulfil at least two of the following three funding priorities:

Location specificity

- Projects that reflect the tension between locality and urbanity,
- · Projects with a local reference,
- Projects that work inclusively within the residential area.

Social commitment

- · Projects that position themselves socially,
- Participative projects with residents and/or visitors,
- Projects aligned to the foundation's goals of supporting social diversity and equal opportunity, or which make a strong stand against discrimination (e.g. sexism, racism and antisemitism).

Originality

- Projects that stand out for their artistic autonomy, that try out new forms of artistic expression, or develop independent artistic forms,
- Projects that artistically visualise cultural, historical or time-specific phenomena,
- Projects that deal artistically with the present and future of urban society.



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BENEFIT OFFERED

The residence scholarship includes:

- · Networking with cultural creators and institutions relevant to the project.
- Rent-free accommodation (1 living/bedroom, 1 workroom, kitchen, bathroom and community area, including water, electricity, heating, internet) in Berlin for the duration of the stay.
- The value of the scholarship amounts to a total of 1,900 euros per person, per month. This amount is broken down, as follows:
 - Rent-free living (including electricity and Wi-Fi) to the sum of around 1,000 euros per month for the duration of the stay.
 - Cost of living subsidy to the sum of 500 euros per month for the duration of stay.
 - Materials subsidy to the sum of 300 euros per month for the duration of stay.
 - Travel subsidy (fares within Berlin and surrounding areas) to the sum of 100 euros per month for the duration of stay.
 - · Assumption of second residency tax.
- · Residencies with disability access exists.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

With the Artist in Residence scholarships, the Berliner Leben foundation supports:

- Artists from EU member states residing outside of Berlin,
- Artists from the field of Urban and New Contemporary Art, and
- Artists seeking cross-genre exchanges with art forms of Urban Contemporary Art.

The scholarship has no age restriction. An academic degree is also not a requirement. Scholarships will be awarded to individuals. Former Artist in Residence scholarship fellows can not reapply.





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CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- The project must be clearly identifiable as current and unpublished, as well as meeting the desired quality standard.
- · Residence is obligatory.
- The goal is for every fellow to transfer a piece of work to the Berliner Leben foundation at the end of their stay in Berlin.
- Funding applications and contributions from third-party institutions must be declared.
- Every fellow is obliged to design and deliver a workshop.
- Every fellow is obliged to participate in funding partner and museum events (e.g. readings, podium discussions, etc.).
- Every fellow is obliged to deliver a final presentation of their work results.
- Fellows should be willing to interact culturally and artistically with the foundation and Berlin surroundings.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Please note that we only accept online applications.

Please use the appropriate forms for application. These can be found on the URBAN NATION Museum website https://urban-nation.com.

In addition to the completed application form, the following documents (in German or English) are required:

- 1) **artistic curriculum vitae**: with complete contact details, information on education and overview of the artistic career up to now,
- 2) motivation letter: description of the motivation to participate in the residence program,
- 3) work samples: at least 3 and a maximum of 8 work samples (JPG, PNG, PDF),
- 4) detailed project proposal,
- 5) budget plan,
- 6) **proof of main residence**: copy registration card/proof of address.

Applicants must attach all the required up-to-date documents to their application forms. After submitting their documents, applicants will receive confirmation of receipt.





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APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications are now open for the residence programme. Use the online application portal on the website of the URBAN NATION museum.

Application deadline: 25 February 2019

Applications received after the date given above will not be considered. For questions, please contact directly office-artist-in-residence@stiftung-berliner-leben.de.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection is made by a rotating jury. The decision of the jury is final and may not be challenged. There is no legal claim to the awarding of a scholarship. Applicants will be notified of the decisions, but not the reasoning.