



Terms and conditions
Open Call **MIRA artist residency**
2020

COVID- 19 | Disclaimer

Living in an uncertain post-pandemic period, MIRA FORUM and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation reserve the right to postpone the dates of the residence programme. All changes will be discussed with the selected artist within a reasonable time and restrictions.

• **About the residency**

MIRA FORUM Gallery and Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation propose an artistic residence for three months in Porto.

The two structures consider contemporary creation as a groundwork in the plural development of citizenship. MIRA FORUM is a gallery fundamentally linked to photography, founded in 2013 by Manuela Matos Monteiro and João Lafuente. Hundreds of artists have presented their work at around 103 exhibitions, 64 talks, 58 book launches, 47 concerts, 36 travel talks, 18 workshops, 30 photowalks, 9 international photography contests and dozens of art residencies. Artistic residences are also important in MIRA's intervention and are focused at research, artistic production and cultural sharing. The projects are developed through the provision of creation, research and residence space.

• **Program goals**

- Encourage artistic creation from the place;
- Stimulate the conception and creation of artistic projects with a public presentation;
- Encourage a greater dialogue between national and international artists;
- Open processes of creation and production with a wider variety of public;
- Internationalize MIRA FORUM Gallery, establishing it as a reference space of production and artistic promotion;
- Strengthen partnerships between different cultural structures;
- Establish the actual residence in a international network of artistic residences;
- Promote Porto as cultural destiny;

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The residence program is entirely supported by Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and covers:

- monthly grant, for a period of three months, in the amount of 550€ each;
- travel – up to 500€ (for a european country) and up to 1.000€ (for the other remaining continents);
- funding of 500€ for material expenses;

- personal accident insurance travel (during the period of the exchange).

The logistic aspects are assured by MIRA FORUM, namely the residence and work facilities. MIRA FORUM also ensures technical support by MIRA Gallery's team on the public presentation, and with the documental record of the evolution and final presentation of the artistic-residency. MIRA FORUM will also give support in obtaining a Visa, if the resident is out of Schengen.

- **Elegibility**

May apply for this competition foreign artists (non-resident in Portugal) who have visual arts as their basis of research, with photography being the privileged medium.

There is no restriction when it comes to age or academical background. The artists who apply for the contest must be older than 18 and have developed, at least, five years of artistic work; If the application is accepted, the artist has to come to Porto and comply with the three months of uninterrupted residency.

- **Exclusions**

Only the applications submitted by e-mail are eligible and must comply with the deadlines required. All the submissions must include the asked documents attached. Applications of underaged or portuguese artists won't be accepted.

- **Submissions**

The submission of applications is made exclusively by electronic mail to miraartisticresidency@miragaleras.net until 23:59 (GMT - Portuguese mainland time) on July 19th, 2020.

The application consists on a single PDF document stating:

- biographical note,
- letter of interest,
- portfolio,
- project proposal that includes a brief abstract, goals and work development
- commitment to public presentation,
- copyright assignment document (see "Ownership and copyright").

Only one application per artist will be accepted.

- **Jury**

The jury is designated by MIRA FORUM Gallery and consists of 3 people with recognized merit in contemporary art, in particular in photography. The deliberations of the jury, always reasoned, are taken by majority vote.

The final selection is a joint responsibility of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and MIRA FORUM.

The results will be published on the web platforms of **MIRA artist residency** in mid-August

2020.

- **Ownership and copyright**

MIRA artist residency 2020 reserves the right to record and photograph the artist-in-residency for archiving purposes and promotion of the action on the website, social networks and other dissemination platforms of MIRA and Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. At the end of the residency, bodies of work can not be presented whose copyrights do not belong entirely, and without exception, to the candidate.

- **Residency Rules**

- The candidate must accept the established conditions and deadlines of the artistic residency, through the formalization of a contract;
- The candidate must carry out a public presentation on the work process within the context of the artistic residency;
- The candidate must be available to be photographed and filmed (material to be approved by the artist), as well as available for potential interviews in order to promote the program;

- **Calendar**

June 25th | open call international launch
July 19th | end of the open call
July 20th to August 3rd | proposals evaluation
August 10th | disclosure of results
September - November | artist-in-residency
to be defined | public presentation

- **Questions**

For any questions, contact by e-mail miraartisticresidency@miragaleries.net