

Artist/Writer in Residence Program 2023/2024 Institute for Advanced Study at Central European University

Call for Applications

Deadline for Application: 25 August 2022

The Institute for Advanced Study at CEU (IAS CEU) invites applications for its Artist in Residence Program for the academic year 2023/2024. Since 2015, the Artist in Residence Program defines one of the Institute's core programs and is integral part of its activities.

Theme of the Fellowship: Dis/place

Cosmopolitanism is rarely as rootless as the cliché would have it, yet artists often happily uproot themselves both to take their works to distant audiences (the exhibition, the book launch) as well as to put bread on the table (the fellowship). Conventionally, works of art and literature have been celebrated for capturing a locale in distinctive fashion and transporting distant viewers and readers into that space. Subsequent critiques of site-specific art have sometimes celebrated more liminal qualities, but the allure of authorial nomadism should not be exaggerated. This year the IAS invites applications from artists and writers wrestling with places not their own, locales they dislike, elsewhere that alienate, or perhaps mobilities that ultimately offer only illusory glimpses of freedom. Come write, create, and reflect on being in the “wrong” place. Nostalgia, avant-garde impulses, or pathos should not exhaust your options; you may reflexively reexamine and redeploy for your own ends the social conventions, religious dictates, or familiar sensations that lent propriety to the places you call your own, and explore what it means not to find yourself there.

Details of the Fellowship

IAS CEU offers annually one **Writer in Residence fellowship** and one **Visual/New Media Artist in Residence fellowship** to provide selected artists with opportunities to conceptualize and create new works while providing the fellow community with opportunities for meaningful interaction with artists working in various fields. These two residential fellowships (up to 5 months each with a minimum stay of 3 months) are offered

on a competitive basis to internationally established as well as emerging artists, in creative writing (from poetry and prose to drama, screen and playwriting) and in the visual arts, including new media art (from painting to filming and from digital art to computer graphics to interactive art).

We seek artists who will be able to work independently, have a solid plan of work for their fellowship period and are ready to engage with the intellectual life at the Institute and the university. Artists in residence are expected to participate in the academic life of the community of IAS Fellows, which includes participation in the weekly Fellows' seminar and a presentation of their own artistic or literary work.

To be in residence at IAS CEU means to work and participate in an academic community, to receive technical and artistic assistance and to be immersed in a vibrant city's cultural life. While in residence, artists benefit from an intense production time enhanced by the exchange of ideas and experiences with fellows of the Institute. The Institute views art and scholarship as complementary rather than separate activities, which interact dynamically and encourage mutual productivity.

IAS CEU is an independent Institute for Advanced Study. It is based at the Budapest Campus of Central European University. As of the Academic Year 2019/20 CEU is operating at two locations, the main university at the Vienna Campus and some institutes and centers at the Budapest Campus. Hosting its programs at the latter campus and in one of Central Europe's attractive cities, IAS CEU seeks to benefit from this new arrangement and to be part of the rich academic life and research generated in both places - from its premises in Budapest, as independent and yet integral part of the university and its location right in the center of city. While CEU was forced to move its accredited degree programs from Hungary to its new campus in Vienna, the Budapest Campus hosts, apart from the IAS, the bi-campus library, the Open Society Archive (OSA), the Summer School Network (SUN), a number of research centres and projects and, since September 2020, CEU's new Democracy Institute.

Fellowships include:

A net allowance of **EUR 2,000** per month + accommodation at the Raoul Wallenberg Guesthouse and/or office space at IAS CEU premises as available, either of which may serve as a studio", limited equipment and technical support from the CEU Media Lab. We encourage all applicants for the visual artist fellowship to inquire about existing facilities and technology available.

Awarded fellows are responsible for their own travel arrangements and health insurance. Fellowships may start in October 2023. Fellows are required to be in **continuous residence** for the duration of the fellowship.

Application criteria:

Applications are expected from writers and artists who

- hold a relevant university degree
- preferably are actively involved in related artistic and academic fields
- have a solid portfolio of artistic projects or writings
- show potential to deepen and grow their creative practice
- demonstrate ability to engage with the IAS community
- are fluent in English.

Former fellows of IAS CEU are not eligible to apply again for a period of 7 years. Applications at an earlier stage may be considered only in exceptional cases.

Reapplication is possible only 3 times within a period of 5 years.

How to apply?

The deadline for application is 25 August, 2022.

All applications must be submitted through our online application system.

Step 1: Prepare your **application package**: create **one pdf file** no larger than 12 MBs containing all your application documents. The name of the pdf file should contain your last name, first name and the type of fellowship you are applying for in the following format:

Doe, Jane_ AIR_Writer.pdf

or

Doe, Jane_ AIR_Visual-Media_Artist.pdf

Your application package should contain the following documents:

- Cover letter indicating how the fellowship is beneficial for the artistic project (max. 3 pages)
- Abstract of the project (max. 400 words)
- *For visual/media/new media artists:* Project plan which describes a concrete project that can be developed while in residence, identifying any technical support

needed (max. 1,500 words, not counting references; possible additional video material)

- *For writers:* Work plan while in residence (max. 1,500 words, not counting references)
- CV (max. 4 pages), including a list of published works and/or portfolio (the selection committee might request samples at a later stage)

Step 2: Go to the **Application Form** for the Academic Year 2023/24 at the IAS CEU website and fill in all your data as required:

https://sits.ceu.edu/urd/sits.urd/run/siw_sso.go?IAS_ARTIST_APPLICATION-FiDHsuxoLx85Ojf3pKbmTVStt2v

Step 3: As a final step, upload your application package (pdf file), and submit your application.

Please note that you cannot save your work and continue filling in the form at a later time, so you are asked to submit your application when you have all information and materials ready! Incomplete forms, or applications submitted in any other way than what is described in this Call will not be considered.

Please also note that incomplete applications, when either the webform is not filled in or the pdf application package is not included, will not be considered. Upon successful submission, you will receive an automated email confirmation of receipt of your application.

Application deadline: **25 August, 2022** (midnight, Central European Time).

Successful candidates will be informed **in mid-March, 2023**.

Please kindly note that the IAS will not share the results of the evaluation process (reviews, scores) with the applicants.

Applications are encouraged from all qualified candidates, irrespective of their ethnicity, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Enquiries should be sent to IAS_art_applications@ceu.edu.

Selection process

The selection will be based on projects or work proposals submitted, cover letter, artistic record and CV.

The selection committee reviews applications based on quality, originality and artistic merit. Other consideration factors include the potential impact of the residency on the applicant, the applicant's past accomplishments, and preparedness to undertake the residency. The selection committee reserves the right to request further elaboration of the project when necessary, as well as for letters of recommendation or other relevant documents, and/or a Skype interview.

For more information on the Institute for Advanced Study at CEU, please [visit our website](#).