

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Studio visits

The call for applications under the heading «Studio visits» enables artists to invite specialists of their choice to Switzerland for an encounter and a dialogue to fulfil their individual need for professional and critical feedback. Such an encounter can help drive their artistic development and provide new stimulus. The call is limited to Switzerland and applications involving participants from different regions in Switzerland are especially welcome.

Modalities

The artists invite a specialist of their own choice (e.g. a curator or critic), who may also be from a non-artistic field. The artists are themselves responsible for organising the encounter, whereby contact with the specialist must have already been made before the application is submitted. Its structure can be adapted to the requirements of the artist concerned. The encounter comprises two meetings. It does not have to be connected to a specific realised project, nor does it have to lead to any further collaboration (although this may be the case). The encounter must not serve any commercial purposes. The studio visits must take place within 6 months, the first meeting no earlier than four weeks after the submission date.

Grants up to CHF 1,500 for the fees for the artists and the specialists are to be provided (CHF 300 per participant and meeting) including travel expenses of the specialist within Switzerland (public transport, 2nd class). In the case of persons in permanent employment (80% or more), only the travel expenses will be assumed.

All participants involved in the exchange must reside in Switzerland. Not eligible for such a grant are artists or specialists who have not yet concluded their professional training or education. Furthermore, support is not possible if the project or the part of the project for which Pro Helvetia's support is requested is already supported by another institution of the Federation.

Applications must contain the following items

- CV of the artist
- CV of the specialist invited
- Brief statement of reason for choice of specialist

Applications are to be submitted via www.myprohelvetia.ch (until 31 December 2021). The related decision will be made within four weeks. After conclusion of the project, a short report must be submitted to Pro Helvetia.

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