

## FAQ – Architecture: Response-Ability

### **Who do we consider to be 'emerging architects'?**

Our criteria stipulate that emerging architects are in the first five years of their career. This is determined by the date of completion of their training or by the start of their independent practice.

### **What do you mean by project?**

By 'project' we mean proposals, such as a built prototype, a publication, one or more events, independent research, a performance, or an exhibition. Other formats are not excluded, as long as they are not considered to be a commercial construction project, related to an academic programme, or in the context of a competition.

### **Does the project have to be new?**

The project must be new or represent a significant new stage of an already existing project.

### **Can all stages of a project be supported?**

Yes, this measure is designed to support all stages of a project's creation, e.g. research, production, dissemination, etc.

### **Can the project be transdisciplinary?**

Yes, the project team can be transdisciplinary, as can the approaches developed in it. However, it is important that the main application and project come from and are supported by emerging architects or an collective of emerging architects.

### **Are there any specific criteria for the mentor?**

The project mentor must be an active professional recognised in their field of activity. This person brings know-how, expertise or a network to the table. The fact that the mentor has Swiss citizenship or Swiss residency is not decisive. An explanation of why this person is relevant must be joined to the application. We encourage you to consider a mentor with whom you might not typically have the opportunity to collaborate with and to reflect on the diversity of perspectives they can bring to your project.

### **Does the collaboration with the mentor need to be confirmed at the time of application?**

The participation of the mentor does not need to be confirmed at the time of application. If the mentor is not confirmed, we request that you propose three potential candidates for the mentorship.

In the event of support from Pro Helvetia, you will need to contact and confirm one of the three mentors within six weeks of receiving a positive response. Within the same time period, you will be asked to produce a written agreement with your mentor defining the terms of collaboration and expectations. Pro Helvetia can assist you in reaching out to the mentors if necessary and will cover the payment of their fees.

### **Is it mandatory to have a mentor?**

Yes, but you can choose in which aspect the mentor contributes to your project, and the kind of collaboration you would like to implement.