

Call for Applications Artist-in-residence Program 2019

index artists-in-residence

Over the course of two weeks, Index's 2019 artists-in-residence will foster experiences that enrich the resident's processes, mediums, and interests.

These experiences will be decided in conversation with Index prior to the Artist's arrival and will take up ~8 hours/week (one work day).

Artists-in-residence will also take part in a goal mapping exercise with the Index team at the beginning of the residency.

about you

Ideal Index Residency candidates are self-directed, visual culture creators with an interest in exploring Mexico City OR Los Angeles. You work within the areas of photo or film, using creative practices to reflect, respond, imagine, critique, subvert—or something else entirely. You engage with history, grapple with the present, or address the future. You enter new communities with sensitivity and create work that builds upon values of equity and inclusion.

residency objectives

1. To provide visual culture creators with an opportunity to grow within their craft.
2. To invite exchange and collaboration between artists, Mexico City/Los Angeles, & Index.
3. To highlight Mexico City/Los Angeles as culturally vibrant places for artists to live & work.
4. To creatively build the capacity of Index as a community resource.

travel + supplies

Our 2019 Artists-in-residence will be responsible for their own travel. Depending on residency project proposals, we may provide partial-to-full cost of supplies.

The residency is linked to a network of museums, cultural institutions, historic venues, artists' studios and galleries in Los Angeles and Mexico City that allow residents to have an active participation in the local art scene.

accommodations

Lodging will be provided in-kind by Index via a private room in a Mexico City OR Los Angeles 2-bedroom flat shared with an Index resident director. Amenities include a sleeping room, workspace, shower/bathroom, kitchen, and shop access. Artists-in-residence will be included in weekly (2 total) family style meals with the Index team.

about us

Index is a library of contemporary photographers and filmmakers—a tool for discovery and collaboration. It's made by artists, for artists.

In 2018, Index expanded into the physical realm where we continuously seek to provide space for collaboration and exchange within the world of visual culture.

As part of our offerings, we build and host photo-based programming including community workshops, open studios, film screenings, pop-up exhibits and 1-on-1 artist development through our artists-in-residence program. We also work with artists 1-on-1 to produce work and experiment within their craft through our artists-in-residence program.

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how to apply

Please complete our [Google Form](#) application, which includes the following prompts:
Four short-answer questions with responses no more than 200 words in length.

1. Please introduce yourself. (Who are you? What should we know about you? What experiences do you bring, if any, that might inform your residency?)
2. Describe your creative practice within visual culture creation. (What kind of work do you make? Why do you make it? How has your practice evolved and in what direction do you hope to take your work in the future?)
3. Provide a statement of intent. (Why do you want to do this residency? Why now? Why Index? Why Mexico City or Los Angeles?)
4. Please let us know which residency time-frame and location you are interested in. Mexico City or Los Angeles? August or November?

Examples of past work. a. Upload a PDF not exceeding eight (8) letter-sized (8-1/2" x 11") pages that highlights 4-6 projects in whatever form your work is best represented.

If your work lives online, your PDF may include links. If directing us to a personal website please provide links to specific pages. If submitting links to video, please limit to five (5) minutes in total length.

selection metrics

All applications will be reviewed by the Index team and may also include community members and past artists-in-residence. Our panel will review applications according to the following metrics:

- Clear understanding of why this residency is a good fit.
- Clear and thoughtful communication of creative process and work.
- Quality of work samples.
- Demonstrates intentional and inclusive processes.
- Capacity to design, propose, and produce work before + during the residency time frame.

timeline

Application will open beginning February 2019, closing on May 1, 2019. Select artists will be notified by July 1, 2019.

Residency Options:

Two (2) total concurrent weeks, tentatively in August in Mexico City

Two (2) total concurrent weeks, tentatively in November in Los Angeles

(Times are flexible and will be decided upon residency acceptance)

equal opportunity

Index is committed to provide equal opportunity without regard to race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, national origin, marital status, pregnancy, ancestry, citizenship status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other basis protected by federal, state, or local law.

questions

We're happy to answer them! Please direct any questions to hello@theindex.la.