

Call for Applications Artist Residency 2020

the index residency

Over the course of two weeks, Index's artists-in-residence program acts as a time of research and development to enrich the resident's processes, mediums, and interests.

about you

Ideal 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 in Mexico City/Los Angeles.
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

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 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, shared 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 exchange within the world of visual culture.

The cornerstone of Index is our digital library - theindex.la

Expanding on the ethos of theindex.la, in 2018 we started bringing Index into physical spaces—hosting community workshops, open studios, film screenings and pop-up exhibits. We began working with artists 1-on-1 to produce work and experiment within their craft, leading to the next natural step - hosting an artists-in-residence.

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how to apply

Please email us at hello@theindex.la and answer the following four questions:

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 what season/month and location you are interested in. Winter/Spring/Summer/Fall? Mexico City OR Los Angeles?

Examples of past work can be delivered via pdf/ website/ slideshow/ mixed-media presentation - whatever feels nice to you and you feel accurately represents your point-of-view.

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.

timeline

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Residency Options:

Two (2) total concurrent weeks in Mexico City

Two (2) total concurrent weeks in Los Angeles

(Times are flexible and can be decided through conversation upon 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.