

DESPINA RESIDENCY PROGRAMME

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS AND CURATORS - 2018

DEADLINE: 21 AUGUST 2017

Despina Residency Programme is designed for artists and curators wishing to immerse themselves in their work and/or research. We provide them with the space to explore practices, concepts, new ideas and materials; and to develop a project while receiving professional feedback and support. The selected artists/curators have the chance to live and work in Rio de Janeiro and to participate in a range of activities such as talks, meetings, studio visits and exhibition tours. Participants are also encouraged to propose talks and workshops, and to learn about the socio-cultural and political scenario in Brazil.

The support, networks and creative environment offered by **Despina Residency Programme** encourages professional/artistic development and international contacts.

The residency includes:

- Art studio
- Accommodation in a self-contained studio flat
- One-to-one meetings with a curator
- Weekly follow-up meetings
- Opportunity to propose workshops and talks
- Open studio event at the end of the residency to introduce the artist and the works to the public
- Special tours in museums and art studios in Rio de Janeiro

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be emailed to res@despina.org until **21 August 2017** with the subject: **'Residency Application 2018'** and the following information in a **PDF file**:

1. A cover letter with name, email, address, phone number and nationality, stating if you require accommodation or not and the month or months in which you would like to take part in the programme (between **January and November 2018** - residencies can last from 1 to 3 months).
2. A statement outlining your residency project, motivation, what you expect from the residency and what you hope to achieve (300 word max)
3. A statement describing your practice/research and areas of interest (300 word max)
4. Between 10 and 20 images of recent works with dimensions, technique, title and date (for artists only)
5. A CV

Applicants will be informed about the results of the selection process by email.

CRITERIA

Prospective artists/curators will be selected by **Despina Selection Committee** based on their body of work, CV and proposal for the residency programme. The Committee will take into consideration the excellence of the proposal in relation to innovation and artistic experimentation.

LANGUAGE

English, Portuguese

DURATION

1 to 3 months

COSTS (PER MONTH)

EUR 2,500 (with accommodation)

EUR 2,000 (without accommodation)

EUR 500 - registration fee to be paid upon acceptance + remaining fee - EUR 2000 (with accommodation) / EUR 1500 (without accommodation) - to be paid prior to arrival.

A 10% discount will be given for residencies lasting 2 or 3 months.

- Please make sure to state in your application if you require accommodation or not;
- Companions are welcome. However, an extra cost of EUR 300 (per month) should be paid directly to the flats management;
- Materials available to be used in the studio space: basic tools, projectors, a desk-jet printer, wood and other leftovers;
- Applicants willing to take part in our programme are expected to self-fund or apply for funding to cover costs involved. Please have a look at the following link for potential funding sources: www.on-the-move.org/funding. We are happy to support all successful applicants with invitation letters;
- Please note that obtaining a VISA is responsibility of the applicant. Make sure to check with your local Brazilian Consulate if a VISA is required;
- For more information about Despina, please visit our website (www.despina.org) or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/despina.org) and Instagram (@despina.rio);
- If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact us: **res@despina.org**