

## DESPINA RESIDENCY PROGRAMME

### RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

#### APPLY NOW!

**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:

- Studio space
- Curatorial support through one-to-one meetings
- Weekly brainstorming meetings
- Studio visits and exhibition tours
- Opportunity to propose workshops and talks
- Administrative and logistics support
- Open studio event to introduce the participant and their work/research to the public

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Applications should be emailed to [res@despina.org](mailto:res@despina.org) with the subject: '**Residency Application**' 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 (residencies can last between 1 and 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*

\*\* We encourage selected artists/curators to apply for funding to cover all costs involved. Despina is a non-profit cultural association with a renowned residency programme and most participants manage to get financial support. Please have a look at the following link for potential funding sources: [www.on-the-move.org/funding](http://www.on-the-move.org/funding). Also below a list of specific opportunities. We are happy to support all successful applicants with invitation letters.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR DANISH ARTISTS:**

<https://www.kunst.dk/kunststoette/puljestamside/tilskud/residency-egne-aftaler/>

**OPPORTUNITY FOR DUTCH ARTISTS:**

<https://www.mondriaanfonds.nl/aanvraag/projectinvestering-kunstenaar/>

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CANADIAN ARTISTS:**

<http://canadacouncil.ca/funding/grants/arts-abroad/residencies>

**Cancellation Policy**

*(I) for a full refund (minus taxes and bank charges), cancellations must be notified 60 days prior to arrival.*

*(II) if the resident cancels within 60 days prior to arrival: the credit can be used in the next 6 months (conditional to vacancy in the program) or the refund is going to be of 50%.*

*(III) there will be no refund if the cancellation is within 10 days before the arrival*

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**USEFUL NOTES**

- Please make sure to state in your application if you require accommodation or not.
- Companions are welcome. However, extra costs might apply. More details on request.
- Materials available to be used in the studio space: basic tools, projectors, a desk-jet printer, wood and other leftovers.
- 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;
- We suggest all successful applicants to seek advice with your doctor before travelling to Brazil about relevant vaccines regarding yellow fever and other diseases transmitted by mosquitoes;
- For more information about Despina, please visit our website ([www.despina.org](http://www.despina.org)) or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/despina.org](https://www.facebook.com/despina.org)) and Instagram (@despina.rio);  
If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact us: **res@despina.org**