

DIGITAL INDO-EUROPEAN RESIDENCY PROJECT KOLKATA

Project carried out within the framework of "La Fabrique des Résidences" of the Institut français

Artists from all fields of the arts are invited to apply.

VISUAL ARTS
PERFORMATIVE ARTS
WRITING
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NEW MEDIA

The Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Kolkata (www.goethe.de/kolkata), the Alliance française du Bengale (<http://bengale.afindia.org>) with Institut français en Inde (<https://ifindia.in/>), the British Council, Kolkata (<https://www.britishcouncil.in>) and the Consolato Generale d'Italia in Kolkata (https://consalcutta.esteri.it/consolato_calcutta/en), in collaboration with the Kolkata based gallery CIMA (<http://www.cimaartindia.com/>) and the Istituto Italiano di Cultura in New Delhi (<http://www.iicnewdelhi.esteri.it>), are organizing the **fourth interdisciplinary Indo-European Residency Project Kolkata**. This project is carried out within the framework of "La Fabrique des résidences" of the Institut français. It is supported by EUNIC – European Union National Institutes for Culture which is Europe's network of national cultural institutes and organizations active in cultural relations.

In 2021, for the first time, the residency will be designed on a digital platform, thus ensuring that it will take place notwithstanding the prevailing COVID-19 situation. The digital platform aims to reflect all the elements that gives the participants the feel of actually experiencing the city of Kolkata. The residency will last for eleven weeks, from September 20th to December 8th.

At the beginning of the interdisciplinary Indo-European Residency Project Kolkata, the selected artists are expected to do a public presentation of their previous artistic work and of their initial project ideas for the residency in the form of a short audio-visual presentation online.

During the residency, the artists will meet for a productive exchange with cosmopolitan and culture enthusiast people, artists, NGOs and others in Kolkata and West Bengal. The residents will experience the city, getting immersed into its everyday culture and its cultural scene. They are expected to make maximum usage of all the relevant resources that will be provided on the digital platform. Thanks to it, all kinds of exchanges and experiences will be made available: the selected artists will be able to not only meet people from the city, but also to digitally go on city tours, visit museums, art galleries, artists' studios and much more.

The aim of this residency is to conceive an individual or a collective artistic project which will be presented in the eleventh week. The engagement, with fellow artists from different countries, along with personal artistic experiences, will help to shape a cultural space for inspiring ideas and producing entrancing results.

For the closing of the residency, the individual or collaborative artistic projects will be presented in an online exhibition and, if possible, also physically in Kolkata, but at a later stage.

Important dates:

- Application deadline: 31. July 2021
- Declaration of the names of the selected artist: 23. August 2021
- Start of the residency: 20. September 2021
- End of the residency: 08. December 2021

Conditions of participation:

The residency is aimed at artists from all fields of the arts who:

- live and work in France,
- can communicate in English fluently,
- have a suitable project idea in mind,
- have sufficient knowledge to navigate on a digital platform.

The applying artists need to ensure the following technical requirements:

- ZOOM account
- Gmail account
- smart phone
- laptop/desktop (Windows/IOS)
- Google Chrome browser

Benefits of the project:

- Scholarship of € 2.000 for the period of eleven weeks.
- Contribution to the production costs required for creating works collaboratively or individually apt for a digital platform at the end of the residency. The payments will be decided by mutual discussions with the respective responsible organisations and will be subjected to mutual approval.

Application documents (one digital application in English):

- Detailed CV
- Information on previous artistic projects (publications, exhibitions, performances, concerts...) in a PDF format not exceeding more than five pages.
- Letter of intent for applying for the Indo-European Residency Project Kolkata, including the presentation of artistic objectives and an outline of a specific project (about 250 words).
- All attachments together should not be larger than 2 MB.
- Only complete applications that meet the requirements listed above will be considered.

Please send your application to both e-mail addresses mentioned below:

- Mr. Fabrice Plançon, Institute Director: **director.kolkata@afindia.org**
- Ms. Shubhi Malik, Head of Culture, Media and Partnerships: **culture.kolkata@afindia.org**

Page of the call for applications on the website of the Alliance française du Bengale:

<https://bengale.afindia.org/indo-european-residency-project/>