

Guidelines for Applicants

Fukuoka Asian Art Museum Artist in Residence 2026

1. Program Goal

Fukuoka Asian Art Museum (hereinafter referred to as FAAM) invites local and international artists, including but not limited to those from Asian regions, for a certain period, to provide them with opportunities to create and present their artworks in Fukuoka, so that they encourage and inspire each other to achieve their full potential globally from Fukuoka city. Through conducting various artistic exchange programs with local citizens, it hopes to nurture a deeper understanding of Asian contemporary art and cultures and to foster a diverse range of local cultures. Furthermore, FAAM aims to become an interactive platform for Asian art, through efforts such as building an international human and organizational network.

2. Organizer

Fukuoka Asian Art Museum

3. Residency period

1st period: mid-July, 2026 – mid-October, 2026 (approx. 90 days)

2nd period: October, 2026 – December, 2026 (approx. 80 days)

3rd period: mid-January, 2027– March, 2027 (approx. 70 days)

Period of residency will be decided according to the proposed project plan and discussion between the applicants and FAAM.

4. Number of invited artists in residence

Number of artists invited through the open call:

First Period: around 2 (persons/groups)

Second Period: around 2 (persons/groups)

Third Period: around 2 (persons/groups)

If an application is submitted as a group, only 1 person receives financial support by FAAM. There are no restrictions on the applicant's place of residence or nationality.

5. Eligibility

Applicants must fulfil the following requirements:

- 1) Have a notable experience in contemporary art fields and are expected to expand careers on international levels in the future.
- 2) Convinced and motivated to engage in artistic exchange on a continual level within and across Asian regions, regardless of their location or nationality.

- 3) Be able to work for the FAAM artist in residence program for around 5 days a week.
- 4) Speak basic Japanese or English sufficient for daily communication in Japan.
- 5) Be able to submit a letter of recommendation written by an art professional, institute, or organization, etc.

6. Major activities during the residency

- 1) Art-making
Artists should utilize their working environment in Fukuoka for their art making and projects, to present them in public. FAAM will provide support for art-making as well as collaborations with local professionals in the art field and universities, etc.
- 2) Art exchange program
Artists should conduct workshop(s) and artist talk(s), etc. (each event for two times in principle) for the people of Fukuoka, including children and general participants.
- 3) Exhibition
Artworks or results of activities during the residency will be presented at the residency artist's exhibition or other events.
FAAM will actively support and publicize the invited artists' activities during the residency.

7. Place for art-making, exhibition, and accommodation

- 1) Primary location for art-making:
Studio located inside the Artist Cafe Fukuoka (2-5 Jonai, Chuo, Fukuoka)
Floor area of the studio: 30 - 130 m²
Opening hours: 11:00 - 19:00*
* Closed on Mondays (If a Monday is a public holiday, then the next day)
[<https://artistcafe.jp/about/>]
- 2) Main exhibition venue: Gallery and Studio located inside the Artist Cafe Fukuoka
- 3) Accommodation: Accommodation facilities such as a short-stay apartment in Fukuoka City designated by FAAM

8. Collaborations with University

Invited artists have chance to collaborate with the universities listed below for their art-making. However, discussion and approval from the university are required after the selection process.

- 1) Kyushu University (Faculty of Design)
Address: 4-9-1 Shiobaru, Minami Ward, Fukuoka
(a) Advice from professors [<https://www.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/faculty/>], creative collaborations or art exchange programs with students (may be done as part of classes)
(b) Use of facilities at the university [<https://www.design.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/facilities/>]

- 2) Kyushu Sangyo University (Faculty of Art and Design)
Address: 2-3-1 Matsukadai, Higashi Ward, Fukuoka
(a) Advice from professors [<http://www.kyusan-u.ac.jp/kyugei/teachers/>], creative collaborations or art exchange programs with students (may be done as part of classes)
(b) Use of facilities at the university [<http://www.kyusan-u.ac.jp/kyugei/equipment/>]

9. Support from FAAM

- 1) Expenses for international and domestic travels
ex.) Travel fees from place of residence to Fukuoka (round-trip economy flights or train tickets, etc.)
- 2) Accommodation Fees*
Accommodation fees designated by FAAM. *NOT applicable to residents of Fukuoka City
- 3) Living expenses** (including breakfast and dinner, etc)
Amount specified by FAAM (2,400 JPY/per day) **NOT applicable to residents of Fukuoka City
- 4) Expenses for art making and exhibition
ex.) art materials, research, and other costs for making and installing the works, etc., approved by FAAM (for a maximum of 500,000 JPY)
- 5) Expenses for art exchange programs
ex.) art materials, etc. approved by FAAM
- 6) Publicity costs for the residency artist's exhibition
ex.) flyers, signs, SNS, etc.
- 7) Art insurance during the residency artist's exhibition
- 8) Other required expenses approved by FAAM

10. Notes

- 1) Invited artists are not allowed, in principle, to bring their family to Fukuoka.
- 2) Invited artists, in principle, should not return home or visit other countries during their residency.
- 3) Invited artists must afford the expenses to handle their artworks and other materials after the exhibition and send them to their homes.
- 4) Invited artists must cover their medical fees for injury or illness, etc. during their residency.

11. How to apply

- 1) Download the application materials

Download the application forms and a format of recommendation letter (Application Form no.1 to 3) from the FAAM artist in residence website.

<https://faam.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/en/residence/requirement/>

For more details about the residency program, please refer to the *Outline, Terms and Conditions* which is also on the website.

2) Submit the online application form

<https://forms.gle/RePsEMZnEjt5VJ1j9>

Fill in and submit the online application form, with all the application forms no.1 to 3 attached.

*If you cannot access to the online application form, please apply after referring to the note on our museum's website.

3) Supplemental material

(a) Digital images of artworks created in the last 5 years.

- List the *Title, Date, Medium/Method, and Description* of each work on form no.2.

Each image must be numbered with your name in the title.

- No more than 10 images, for the maximum of 5 works.

- Do not attach video data directly on the application forms. Please provide the link(s) available to download online.

(b) Applicant's portrait (digital image)

***The size of all the application material should NOT exceed 20MB.**

*Submitted documents will remain at FAAM for private research reference and will not be returned to the applicants.

12. Application period

December 25, 2025 through January 25, 2026*

*Application Deadline is **11:59PM January 25, 2026 Japan Time (GMT+9).**

13. Selection process

Invitees are decided upon discussions including, but not limited to The Fukuoka Asian Art Museum Committee for the Artist in Residence Program. **Results will be announced on the FAAM website in early April 2026. The successful candidates will be notified directly by FAAM.**

Please note that we do not accept inquiries regarding the selection of invited artists.

14. Contact/Inquiries

Curatorial Office, Art Exchange and Education Section, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum

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