

GUIDELINE__ Open Call for visual artist in Tokyo to Helsinki, Finland

Youkobo Art Space (Tokyo, Japan) in cooperation with the Finnish Artist Studio Foundation(FASF, Helsinki, Finland) invites artist based in Tokyo, Japan to apply for two months residency in Espoo/Helsinki, Finland.

Application deadline: December 16, 2016

This artist and studio exchange program organized by visual arts organization in Japan and Finland is intended to facilitate the comparison of different artistic viewpoints, promote the establishment of durable ties between Japanese and Finnish artists and thus foster artistic and creative development. Working in partnership, FASF and Youkobo Art Space are announcing an open call for Japanese artists:

Date of residency: beginning May to end June 2017 Number of participants: 1

Requirements of the applicant:

- Japanese artist living and working in Tokyo, Japan.
- Good command of English, spoken and written.

Residency in Finland:

The guest studio is part of the Tapiola Studio Building which houses also nine other residential studios for local artists. It is located in Espoo, 8 km from Helsinki Finland. The studio has a total area of 83 m², plus a living balcony of 15 m². The studio is suitable also for an artist couple. The residency is mainly self directed. The foundation offers practical assistance and networks. The artists are encouraged to engage in a small-scale public event (work-in- progress presentation etc.) during residency, this is not, however, compulsory. The Tapiola Guest Studio is maintained by the Finnish Artists' Studio Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation, established in 1990, is to improve the working conditions of visual artists by maintaining and acquiring work facilities and residential studios. The foundation has approximately 300 artist tenants in Finland. The Foundation has invited artists to Tapiola Guest Studio since year 1997, mainly through artists exchange programmes, but occasionally also through open calls.

Requirements from Youkobo and FASF:

- An artist from Japan/Finland who is open to collaborate with local artists. · Only individuals are eligible to apply for the residency.
- One presentation during the residency and final presentation/exhibition at the end of the residency.
- An activity report about for experience written in Japanese and English within one month, and participation and report to a briefing & discussing session at Youkobo within less than six months after returning Tokyo.

What Youkobo provides:

- Cost for AIR activities in Finland, a total of 300,000 JPY.
- This money is to be used to pay for the use of spaces provided by FASF after arrival.
- Travel costs maximum 150,000JPY
- PR

What FASF provides:

- Two month residency in Espoo, Finland (May - June 2017)
- Provide professional supervision for the Japanese guest artist
- Foster contacts between the Japanese Artist and Finnish professionals
- Production and PR will be supported by FASF

TO APPLY, PLEASE PREPARE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS.

Applications including your personal information, about your work, your motivation and CV.

The Japanese finalist be for the residency in Finland will be selected by FASF after the preselection by Youkobo. The Result will announced at the end of December 2016 to all applicants.

About host organization:

[Finnish Artist Studio Foundation, FASF, Tapiola Studio](#)

Management: Riikka Suomi-Chande, info@ateljeesaatio.fi

Contact to apply:

[Youkobo Art Space](#) Contact Parson: Makiko Tsuji, info@youkobo.co.jp

TAPIOLA GUEST STUDIO RESIDENCY APPLICATION FORM

Youkobo Art Space×Finnish Artist Studio Foundation Artist Exchange Program 2017 Residency periods: from May to June, 2017

Personal information:

Name:

Date of birth:

Nationality:

Address:

Telephone no:

Email address:

Skype no:

Website address:

About your work:

Please tell us about your professional background and practice and your area of research (can be continued in an appendix, max. one page).

Your motivation:

Please tell us how you see this experience may benefit your practice, and how you plan to use your time in residence (can be continued in an appendix, max. one page)

Please attach your CV and approximately 5 samples of previous works.

Date and Signature:

The completed application no larger than 2MB must consist of PDF files, all written in English.

Applications should be submitted by **December 16th** via e-mail to info@youkobo.co.jp