

Open Call for visual artist in Tokyo to Helsinki, Finland

Youkobo Art Space (Tokyo, Japan) in cooperation with the Finnish Artists' Studio Foundation (FASF, Helsinki, Finland) and the Finnish Institute in Japan invites artists from Tokyo, Japan to apply for a two-month residency in Espoo, in the capital region of Finland.

Application deadline: November 30, 2019

This studio-exchange program taking place between Japan and Finland aims 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. The organizers, FASF and Youkobo Art Space, are announcing this open call to Japanese artists:

Date of residency: April to May 2020

Number of participant: 1

Requirements of the applicant:

- Japanese artist living and working in Tokyo, Japan.
- Must be over 25 years of age.
- 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. The residency 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. Overall, the Foundation has 300 artist tenants in Finland. The Foundation has had an international residency programme since year 1997.

What Youkobo and FASF demand:

- Searching for artist from Japan 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.

What Youkobo provides:

- A round-trip travel expenses Helsinki-Tokyo, covered by the Finnish Institute in Japan (Actual cost, up to 1000 €)
- PR, also via the communication channels of the Finnish Institute in Japan

What FASF provides:

- Two-month residency in Helsinki (April-May 2020).
 - * Accommodation cost (1200€ / month) artist responsibility.
note: This fee was corrected on November 5th.
- Provide professional supervision for the Japanese guest artist
- Foster contacts between the Japanese Artist and Finnish professionals
- Production and PR

Additional Requests from Youkobo Art Space:

- Talk on Skype during the program between artist and Youkobo, Tokyo.
- The activity report of this time experience by Japanese and English within one month, and participation and report to a briefing & discussing session at Youkobo within less than six months after returning to Japan.
- The artist is expected to arrange their own travel, health and personal property insurance for the duration of the residency.

Applications including your portfolio with works, motivation, Curriculum Vitae with basic information (Name, Address, Email, Website).

Application Form: [Download here](#).

Final selection of the Japanese participant for the residency in Finland will be made by FASF after pre-selection by Youkobo. Results will be announced at the mid December 2019 to all applicants in Tokyo.

About host organization :

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