FAQ

Am I eligible to apply?

Any artist–based anywhere in the world–is eligible to apply as long as they can speak basic English and are not enrolled in a degree granting program at the time the residency would occur.

May I bring my partner or collaborator?

AIRs are permitted to have a partner or guest stay with them in their room for up to two weeks. It’s sometimes possible to house a collaborator in a separate bedroom if the visit is scheduled with us far enough in advance of the residency.

May collaboratives apply?

Yes, but Headlands can only accommodate collaboratives of up to three artists living on site. There is no member size limit for San Francisco Bay Area-based collaboratives who request live-out residencies (meaning they would not live on site).

In application for a live-in residency, make clear if you are applying as a collaborative that will live onsite together for the duration of the residency, OR if one member of the collaborative is applying as a primary artist and another collaborator will just be making short term visits to Headlands.

May I bring my family?

Families may join the artist in residence for up to four weeks in a home we have designated the “Family House.” One family at a time is accommodated in the Family House: the AIR has sole use of the three bedrooms and bath on the second floor of the house, and shares the common areas of the house (the living room, dining room, butler’s pantry, and kitchen) with a Headlands Program Intern. The Program Intern lives in the bedroom with bath behind the kitchen on the first floor. AIRs are welcome to bring a partner, spouse, or caregiver with them to provide childcare.

AIRs are also welcome to bring their spouse and children, as well as any guests staying with them in the Family House, with them to the dinners our chef prepares for all AIRs five nights a week, during the four week period. For additional, non-live-in guests there is a $20 charge per dinner.

Because of high demand, stays at the Family House are limited to four weeks. Additionally, use of the house must be negotiated in advance. If you would like use of the Family House, please mention this in your Statement of Interest and in the information requested in our SlideRoom application form. Due to demand, delaying communicating that you wish to
use the Family House WILL decrease your chances of being afforded accommodation in it.

**May I bring my pet?**

No, the housing at Headlands is shared and pets cannot be accommodated.

**Will I have access to cell phone and internet service in my living quarters?**

Because of Headlands semi-remote location there’s no cell phone or internet service in the AIR houses. Each house is equipped with a landline phone that dials out to 415-area code numbers. A calling card may be used for long distance phone calls. Cell phones usually do work on top of hills—a five or ten minute walk from the houses. Slow internet can be accessed in our main building and in most of our studio buildings.

**Is there public transportation to Headlands?**

There’s limited public transportation. A San Francisco MUNI bus comes out to Headlands on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

**Is it okay to bring my car?**

Yes, and we encourage artists who can to do so.

**Does Headlands provide transportation?**

Headlands supports arrival and departure logistics, but does not provide ongoing transportation services throughout a residency. Headlands does, however, provide access to several vehicles that can be borrowed by AIRs on a limited basis.

**What if my contact information, or reference information changes after I've submitted my application online?**

Email the Residency Manager, Holly Blake ([hblake@headlands.org](mailto:hblake@headlands.org)) with any changes.

**Can I edit my application after it has been submitted?**

Yes, email the Residency Manager, Holly Blake ([hblake@headlands.org](mailto:hblake@headlands.org)). She will “Un-Submit” your application so that you can make changes. After you’ve made the changes, you can then re-submit your application. No additional application fee is charged. The SlideRoom system does not allow Headlands to make changes to an application.

**Can I submit links to my video/film on Vimeo or YouTube?**

Yes, submissions should not cumulatively exceed 15 minutes in length and can be up to 250mb each. If videos are password protected, be sure to include login information in the description field. You can also list links on a PDF uploaded in the media section of your application (please include any necessary passwords to access).
Is it possible to submit both jpegs and video?

Yes, you may submit up to 12 TOTAL SlideRoom uploads of any mix of jpegs, audio, or video. Audio submissions can be up to 30mb per file, and can also be submitted through SoundCloud.

May I submit more images than specified in the SlideRoom application?

No, you have 12 media uploads in total. Images can be up to 5mb each.

What if I have technical problems with the SlideRoom application?

All technical questions should be emailed to support@slideroom.com. SlideRoom is very responsive to artist inquiries.

May I snail mail my application and supplementary materials to Headlands?

Yes; address such applications as follows:

AIR Program
Headlands Center for the Arts
944 Fort Barry
Sausalito, CA 94965

How do I apply for a stipend?

There is a multiple-choice question on the application form about stipends. Select whether you want a stipend, must have a stipend in order to come to Headlands, or choose to waive a stipend.

If I say that I must have a stipend in order to come to Headlands, does that diminish my chances?

No, it doesn’t.

Do my chances of acceptance increase if I opt for a shorter residency over a longer one? Or if I select a spring rather than a summer residency?

No, neither of those choices has an effect on acceptance.

When will I hear back? What is the decision-making timeline?

Jurors review the applications over the summer and panels meet in the fall to select finalists, who are then interviewed (by Skype) by Headlands Staff. Notification to all artists will occur by January 1st at the latest.