Program Details: Artist in Residence

The Artist in Residence (AIR) program awards fully sponsored residencies to approximately 50 local, national, and international artists each year. Residencies of four to ten weeks include studio space, chef-prepared meals, housing, travel and living expenses. AIRs become part of a dynamic community of artists participating in Headlands’ other programs, allowing for exchange and collaborative relationships to develop within the artist community on campus. Artists selected for this program are at all career stages and work in all media, including drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, film, video, new media, installation, fiction and nonfiction writing, poetry, playwriting, screenwriting, graphic narrative, dance, music, interdisciplinary, social practice, arts professions, and architecture.

All Artist in Residence applicants are also considered for the following awards:
- McLaughlin Foundation Award
- McLaughlin Children’s Trust Award
- Henderson Award
- Project Space

Find application links at Headlands.org/programs

Application Fee
- Early Bird (April 1–May 6): $35
- Regular (May 7–June 10): $45

Program Goals
- To invest in individuals at the cutting edge of artistic fields and whose work has potential to have significant cultural and social impact.
- To support artists to explore and experiment in order to take their work to the next level.
- To build a nurturing and dynamic community of local, national, and international artists and thinkers.
- To encourage artists to develop ideas and work within the context of the Marin Headlands, a part of Golden Gate National Recreation Area.
- To bring national and international artists to the Bay Area to engage and have cross-cultural exchange with local artists and audiences.

Program Details
- Fully sponsored 4- to 10-week residencies
- Paid roundtrip airfare, and up to $1,000 a month of either a stipend or reimbursed expenses
- 100- to 2000-sq.-foot studios
- Private bedroom in shared house
- A maximum two week stay for families in the Family House (by request only and subject to availability)
- Five chef-prepared meals per week
Access to vehicles on-site
Facilities access: Basic woodshop; audio/video equipment; artists' library with computer, scanner, and printer
Wi-Fi in designated spaces
Up to 15 Artists in Residence living on-site
Participation in monthly “Show & Tell” nights
Participation in seasonal Open House
Access to Headlands Public Events
Field trips to Bay Area museums, galleries, and cultural venues
Become part of Headlands Alumni Network

Eligibility
- Artists not currently enrolled in an academic program at the time requested residency would take place.
- Eligibility of artists enrolled in PhD programs will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Former Headlands' Artists in Residence (AIR), and any recipients of Alumni New Works, Chamberlain, Chiaro, or Tournesol Awards may not apply within five years of previous Residency.
- All other Alumni of Headlands' Programs are eligible to apply for the AIR Program at any point.
- Must be able to speak basic English.

Selection Criteria
- Merit of past work.
- Readiness to engage with and benefit from the residency experience at Headlands (see program goals).
- Potential to develop creative practice and impact the community at Headlands and beyond.

Selection Process
- Headlands’ staff reviews applications to ensure completion and eligibility
- Submissions are reviewed by a jury of knowledgeable and esteemed artists and arts professionals
- The jury evaluates each artist’s materials and selects finalists
- Finalists are invited to talk about their work and ideas a 20-minute Zoom interview to determine the final award selection

What You Need To Apply
A full application includes the following:

- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Letter of interest, outlining your specific interest in working at Headlands and how program participation will affect your practice
- The names and email addresses of three personal or professional references; please note, we do not want letters of reference.
- Documentation of recent work (see specifications below for guidelines according to discipline)

Please note that all applications and work samples must be submitted in or translated to English.

**Artist collaboratives should apply together by submitting ONE application per group, specifying the number of individuals on the application form. For live-in Artists in Residence, Headlands can accommodate no more than three total artists in a collaborative group.**
Documentation
Please select from the following list materials appropriate to your practice. The category headings are guidelines; please submit whatever type of materials best represent your work.

- **Visual** (painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, installation, conceptual)
  - Applicants may submit up to 12 work samples, which can be a combination of images, video, or audio files (maximum of 30 minutes of video and audio).
  - Submission of an image list with title, date, size, media, and, where applicable, conceptual intent, is optional.
- **Writing** (poetry, fiction, nonfiction, playwriting, screenwriting, graphic narrative)
  - Submit up to 20 pages of poetry, 30 pages of prose or one to two full-length plays/scripts.
- **Performance / Dance**
  - Submit 30 minutes of video, along with any other material that adequately describes your work.
  - Please note: the first 10 minutes will be used for primary review unless the artist directs otherwise.
- **Film / Video / New Media**
  - Submit up to 30 minutes of video.
  - Please note: the first 10 minutes will be used for primary review unless the artist directs otherwise.
- **Music / Sound**
  - Submit up to 30 minutes of audio and/or video.
  - Please note: the first 10 minutes will be used for primary review unless the artist directs otherwise.
- **Arts Professionals** (art writers, administrators, and curators)
  - Submit sufficient material to evidence the breadth of your work and interests, including reviews, essays, and catalogs.
- **Architecture / Environment**
  - Review documentation requirements for Visual Artists.
- **Interdisciplinary Arts**
  - Review other categories to determine what materials you should submit.

**Links to Vimeo, SoundCloud or YouTube can be uploaded on a PDF. Please remember to include any passwords.**