

Kyoto Art Center Artist-in-Residence Program 2026 for Visual Arts

Kyoto Art Center (KAC) aims to be not only a venue for exchange and mutual stimulus among artists, but also for citizens to experience the abundance of arts. This program supports creative activities of artists and art researchers who aim to explore new artistic expression in their encounter with Japanese culture. Participants engage in production, research and study in KAC during the residency.

We switch between hosting performing arts artist and visual artist every year. In 2026, the program is open for visual artists / researchers. We welcome artists who explore the new form of expression in their own genre, or across genres. We are particularly interested in enthusiastic artists who can stimulate the creativity of Kyoto citizens.

1. Eligibility

- Emerging artists and art researchers based on visual arts, who have clear motivations to work and research in Kyoto.
*Applications by writers and cross-media artists are welcome every year.
- Applicants must:
 - organize a public program for Kyoto citizens during the residency.
 - communicate in English or Japanese.

2. Support

- Accommodations during the residency period. [Maximum 3 months]
- A studio for production and research at KYOTO ART CENTER.
- Round-trip air ticket from residential area to Kansai International Airport or Osaka International Airport.
- Production and research fee: JPY200,000 (including tax) - for an individual or a group (not each member).
- Publicity
- Assistance by art coordinators.

3. Residency Period

Maximum three months during the period of April 1st [Wed] 2026, to March 31st [Wed], 2027

4. How to Apply

- First, please fill out all items on **this application sheet** in English or Japanese.
- Next, please fill out all items on **the application form** (Google Forms) accessing from the link below, upload this application sheet at the last of the form and then complete the application entry by the end of the application period.
Application Form: <https://forms.gle/cvbpyGdqJVqxmLgb7>
- If you cannot access the form, please contact us at the following e-mail address.
Email: residence[at]kac.or.jp *Please change [at] to @

- Applicants should write **URL of uploaded video or visual documentation** (maximum three works/projects) in their application sheets, and **the documentation must be able to be seen online (download URLs are not accepted)**.
- Please do not directly attach the image and video files on the Google Forms.
- Researchers must attach thesis or written works.
- The letters on application forms must be typed by using computers. Incomplete application will not be reviewed.
- Please upload your portfolio at the end of the application form.
*Please name the portfolio with your name. Ex. Portfolio_YourName.pdf

5. Application Period

June 30th [Mon] – August 31st [Sun] 23:59 JST, 2025

*Applying outside of the application period are not accepted.

6. Selection

A screening committee consisting of arts professionals carefully reviews and evaluates applications. The result will be informed to all applicants by late November 2025. Any enquiries for selection will not be answered.

7. Note

- Artist fee and living expenses are not covered.
- Participants have to arrange the purchase and delivery of materials required for production of works, rehearsals and researches.
- Participants must submit a report at the end of the program.
- Please inform beforehand if you bring your assistants or family. Any supports indicated in this guideline are only applied to the participants of the program.
- Participants are responsible for any unexpected accidents or sickness. Buying travel insurance is strongly recommended.

8. Contact

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WEB: <http://www.kac.or.jp/> E-mail: residence@kac.or.jp

•Opening hours: 10:00a.m. - 6:00p.m. (JST)

*The center may temporarily close for a regular equipment Check-Ups.

Name of applying group or individual:

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① Artist statement [within 350 words]

② Production and research plan with schedule [within 350 words]

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**③ Specific reasons why you need to stay in Kyoto Art Center for your production and research.
[within 250 words]**

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**④ Please outline your plans for exchange activities with Kyoto citizens during your stay.
[within 200 words]**

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**⑤ Online address with uploaded video or sound documentation of recent works.
[Maximum three pieces]**

*Researchers must attach thesis or written work. Please write URL bellow if it's published online.
