

EMERGENCY RESIDENCIES PROGRAMME FOR ARTISTS AND CULTURAL PRACTITIONERS LIVING IN THE WEST BANK AND JERUSALEM (2026)

Red TEJA

Open Call for Applications

Introduction

TEJA / Red de espacios culturales en apoyo a situaciones de emergencia (Network of Cultural Spaces in Support of Emergency Situations) has the mission to promote transnational cooperation by offering **temporary art residencies to artists and cultural practitioners** who find themselves in **complex socio-political situations** in their countries of origin. Conflict zones not only disrupt essential services but also deeply impact the development of artistic practices and limit freedom of expression. With a strong and ongoing commitment, TEJA is dedicated to supporting these artists, understanding that art is a key way to preserve the culture of a people whose autonomy is threatened.

TEJA offers a **residency program in Spain** for artists and visual arts practitioners from conflict areas. During their stay in Spain, residents will receive **accommodation, legal and psychological counseling**, and **access to a network of organizations and professionals** with whom they can share, develop, and continue with their creative projects. Our goal is to provide a safe and stimulating environment where artists can continue their work despite adverse circumstances and generate dialogue spaces that ensure freedom of expression through joint activities both in Spain and with international collaborators.

The **TEJA** network consists of the following spaces:

Casa Árabe (Madrid), **Círculo de Bellas Artes** (Madrid), **Centre de Art Santa Mónica** (Barcelona), **Espositivo** (Madrid), **hablarenarte / Planta Alta** (Madrid), **Institute for Postnatural Studies** (Madrid), **La Casa Encendida - Fundación Montemadrid** (Madrid), **La Escocesa** (Barcelona), **MACBA** (Barcelona), **Museo Reina Sofía** (Madrid), **Moving Artists** (Bilbao), **Nave Oporto** (Madrid), **Paisanaje** (Madrid), **Proyecto Celesta** (Madrid), **Teatro del Barrio** (Madrid)

Emergency Residencies Programme 2026

In response to the immense disruptions faced by the Palestinian artistic and cultural scene—now under siege in an unacceptable and inhuman assault on their identity and existence, marked by suspended activities, deteriorating security, and economic strain— **TEJA will expand its residency program in 2026**, following the success of the Palestinian artist residencies in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

This year, **TEJA will host three new residencies**, each lasting **three months**, dedicated to supporting artists and cultural practitioners **residing in the West Bank and Jerusalem**. In addition, in the second half of the year, TEJA will host three additional residencies for Gazan artists, which will be offered by invitation (as Spain is currently unable to facilitate evacuations from Gaza, these invitations will be coordinated through France). These residencies aim to provide a stable, creative environment and foster artistic exchange in the face of ongoing adversities. Through these new residencies, **TEJA** reaffirms its commitment to amplifying Palestinian voices and empowering artists as they navigate these turbulent times.

HOSTING SPACES PROFILE

La Escocesa (Barcelona)

hablarenarte / Planta Alta (Madrid)

Espositivo (Madrid)

Institute for Postnatural Studies (Madrid)

Casa Árabe (Córdoba)

Selection Criteria

The selection will be carried out by the TEJA network in close collaboration with each **hosting partner**, prioritizing the artist's **personal and professional situation first**, and then the alignment with the **practices and themes of the hosting spaces**.

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be artists or cultural practitioners **residing in the West Bank or Jerusalem**.
- It is necessary to speak **English** or **Spanish**. (Communication skills will be evaluated in the interview and are essential for a rich experience during the residency.)
- There is **no age limit** (from 18 years old).

Agreements

TEJA commits to:

- Covering **visa and insurance** expenses, as well as providing **legal and financial assistance based in Spain** as far as possible before the resident arrives in Spain.
- Covering **round-trip travel expenses** from Palestine to Madrid, Barcelona or Córdoba. (Please clarify in your submission the airport you would fly from and if you have special needs in terms of transport)
- Providing **accommodation and workspace** in the assigned city. Offering **creative and curatorial support** during the residency.
- Providing **legal and psychological counseling**.
- Providing a financial stipend that includes:
 - Fee: €1,300 per month. (granted on a monthly basis)
 - Production expenses: up to €1,000 per residency.

Resident commits to:

- Residents must ensure they are present in the chosen residency space at least 80% of the time.
- It is not mandatory to produce new works or projects; the residency is designed to be a space for reflection, practice, and connection with new audiences and local art scenes.
- Residents will be encouraged to participate in the programming and activities proposed by the residency.
- It is a requirement of the residency program that all participating residents return to their country of origin once their residency period has ended.
- Be able to issue an invoice and receive the honorarium fee in their bank accounts.

Deadlines and schedules

Proposal submission deadline: January 12th, 2026, 23:59 h (CET)

Pre-Selection resolution: January 21st, 2026. (candidates will be contacted via email)

Starting January 22nd, 2026, **interviews with pre-selected candidates** will be conducted until January 30th, 2026.

February 3rd, 2026 the **final selection will be announced** and the **visa process will begin**.

Residency period: 3 months between March and July 2026.

Application process

To participate in the call, please complete the required information at this [link](#).

Projects must be submitted in English or Spanish. Late or incomplete applications, or those that do not meet the requirements, will not be considered.

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