

Open Call for Two Research Residencies in Sustainable Artistic Production within L'Internationale's *Museum of the Commons* – Climate Programme

Museo Reina Sofía calls for two research residencies, in alignment with its statutory objectives: to promote access to its collections and activities for Spanish and international audiences and to facilitate scholarly research; to contribute to the education and professional development of specialists in museology and exhibition practices, both to meet the Museum's own needs and to support the wider cultural sector; and to develop research programmes.

Museum of the Commons (MoC) is a four-year cultural cooperation project (2023–2026) implemented by the European museum confederation L'Internationale and co-funded by the European Union through the Creative Europe programme (Grant Agreement No. 101100021).

The project is structured around three thematic strands: Climate, Situated Organisations, and Past in the Present. Through *Museum of the Commons*, L'Internationale seeks to mobilise art and culture as strategic tools for processes of healing, reconstruction and social repair, contributing to the development of a more sustainable and socially responsible arts ecosystem that responds to the historical and socio-economic challenges of the present.

The Climate strand addresses the current global climate crisis, the sustainability of institutional, artistic and cultural practices and processes, and the urgent need to transform our policies, societies, cultures and ways of life towards ecologically sustainable models.

Within this framework:

1. Museo Reina Sofía calls for two research residencies during 2026.
2. Each residency will have a duration of four months and is non-renewable. The research project does not require continuous on-site presence at the Museum and may, where appropriate to the needs of the research, be carried out in other locations.
3. Each residency is endowed with €5,000 (taxes included).

4. The call is open to the following applicants:
 - a. Individual applicants: natural persons who are at least 18 years of age.
 - b. Collective applications: groups of natural persons who are at least 18 years of age. Applicants are not required to establish any formal legal relationship among the members of the collective for the purposes of this call. However, the group must designate one representative. All communications and legal obligations arising from this call will be conducted through this representative, without prejudice to the internal arrangements established among the members for the fulfilment of the commitments set out in the present call.
 - c. Applicants who fall within any of the grounds for exclusion set out in Article 13 of Law 38/2003 of 17 November, the General Subsidies Act (Ley General de Subvenciones), shall not be eligible to apply.
5. Applications may be submitted in either Spanish or English.
6. Applications must include:
 - a. Application form (Annex I)
 - b. Curriculum vitae detailing the applicant's professional background and experience relevant to the present call. In the case of collective applications, the curriculum vitae of each member of the group must be submitted.
 - c. Research proposal to be carried out during the residency. The proposal must not exceed 3,000 words and should include an abstract, a description of the methodology, a provisional timeline, and a bibliography and/or list of artistic references. The proposed research must fall within the Climate strand of the Museum of the Commons programme and address one or more of its research lines, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Ecological, social and political sustainability of the cultural sector: tools, gestures, strategies and archives;
 - ii. Artistic and cultural research in times of climate crisis: new imaginaries, affects, languages and practices;

- iii. Experiments in institutional models, architecture and organisational practices from an ecological perspective;
- iv. Research on food sovereignty; climate diasporas and migrant climate communities; and initiatives such as community gardens, allotments and kitchens, as well as the shared use and common stewardship of natural resources.
- v. Preference will be given to projects that foster interdisciplinary exchange between artistic practice, knowledge production and other fields of research; demonstrate a commitment to local communities; engage meaningfully with the Museum's practices; and contribute to the Study Centre's research network.

At the conclusion of the residency, the research process will be presented in a format to be agreed jointly with the Study Centre team.

- d. Annex III, duly signed.
 - e. For applicants without legal residency in Spain: scanned copy of personal ID and scanned copy and translation of fiscal residency certificate.
 - f. For applicants with a university degree awarded outside of Spain: scanned copy of university degree and its official homologation when needed.
7. Applications must be submitted electronically through the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía's Electronic Office, accessible at www.museoreinasofia.sede.gob.es. Applicants who do not have an electronic identification system accepted by the Museum's Electronic Office may submit their application by any of the means provided for in Article 16.4 of Law 39/2015, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations:
- a. Via post office.
 - b. At Spanish diplomatic or consular offices abroad.
 - c. Via a public registry assistance office (Oficina de Asistencia en Materia de Registros) (only within Spain).
8. The application period shall be thirty (30) working days from the day following the publication of this call in the Boletín Oficial del Estado.

9. These grants will be awarded through a competitive selection process, in accordance with the principles of objectivity, transparency, equal treatment, non-discrimination and publicity.
10. Applications will be assessed on a maximum of 10 points, in accordance with the following criteria:
 - a. Applicant's profile and professional experience, as evidenced by the curriculum vitae and portfolio submitted: up to 4 points. In the case of collective applications, the score awarded under this criterion shall be the average of the scores assigned to each member of the group.
 - b. Research proposal: up to 6 points. Assessment will take into account the project's originality, quality, conceptual and methodological rigour, and innovative character; its potential contribution to the field of sustainable artistic production; its relevance to the research priorities of the Museo Reina Sofia's Study Centre and the Climate strand of L'Internationale's Museum of the Commons programme; and its overall feasibility.

Applicants obtaining a score of over eight (8) points will be invited to an interview with the Evaluation Committee. The interview will be held either in person or online and will be awarded up to four (4) additional points.

11. The residencies will be awarded to the two higher-scoring applications.

ANNEX I. Application Form

- I. Applicant Identification Details (In the case of collectives, this section must be completed using the details of the sole representative duly authorized to act on behalf of the collective and to fulfil the obligations incumbent upon it.)

Where an application is submitted on behalf of a collective, pursuant to Article 11.3 of Law 38/2003 of 17 November (General Subsidies Act), the application must expressly specify the implementation commitments undertaken by each member of the collective, together with the proportion of the grant allocated to each of them. The collective may not be dissolved until the limitation period established in Articles 39 and 65 of Law 38/2003 has expired.

Individual applicant / Applicant representing a collective

First name:

Collective (if applicable):

Surname(s):

Date of birth:

National ID / Passport No.:

Postal address for notifications:

City and Province/Region:

Postal Code:

Country:

Telephone (landline/mobile):

Email:

Bank account (IBAN):

Where applicable, percentage and extent of each collective member's participation in the residency grant:

- II. Documents Attached to this Application

☐ Curriculum Vitae and project portfolio

☐ Research Project (maximum 3,000 words)

III. Verification of Information Contained in this Application

Pursuant to Article 28 of Law 39/2015 of 1 October on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations, by signing this Annex I confirm that I do not object to MNCARS verifying the following information:

☐ Personal identification data contained in my National Identity Document (DNI) through the Identity Data Verification System established by Royal Decree 522/2006 of 28 April.

☐ Information concerning compliance with my tax and social security obligations for the purpose of eligibility for grants, scholarships or public funding financed through the General State Budget, via the Spanish State Tax Administration Agency and the General Treasury of the Social Security.

☐ Academic information relating to my university degree through the Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Sports.

IV. Declaration of eligibility and compliance of Repayment Obligations duty

☐ I declare that I am not subject to any of the grounds for ineligibility or prohibition on receiving public grants, nor do I have any outstanding obligations relating to the repayment of public subsidies, in accordance with Article 13 of Law 38/2003 of 17 November (General Subsidies Act) and Articles 25 and 26 of the Regulation implementing the General Subsidies Act (Royal Decree 887/2006 of 21 July).

V. Data Protection

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the personal data provided will be processed by the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía (MNCARS), whose registered address is Calle Santa Isabel 52, 28012 Madrid, Spain.

MNCARS has appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO), whose statutory duties include

advising the institution on compliance with personal data protection legislation and monitoring such compliance. The DPO also acts as the contact point for all matters relating to the processing of personal data and may be contacted at: dpd@museoreinasofia.es

Personal data will be processed for the purpose of administering residency applications, managing participation in this call, and carrying out all procedures necessary for the award and monitoring of the grant in accordance with Law 38/2003 of 17 November (General Subsidies Act). The legal basis for this processing is the performance of a task carried out in the public interest under the applicable legislation.

Provision of personal data is mandatory for processing the application and, where applicable, awarding the residency grant. Failure to provide the requested information will prevent the application from being processed. Personal data will be retained for the duration of the residency grant and thereafter only for the period necessary to address any legal liabilities arising therefrom.

Personal data may be disclosed to public authorities where required by law. In addition, the names of grant recipients will be published on the MNCARS website in compliance with the transparency obligations established by Law 19/2013 of 9 December on Transparency, Access to Public Information and Good Governance. Where appropriate, personal data may also be disclosed to third parties exercising rights under the aforementioned legislation.

Where the residency grant includes the payment of financial support, personal data may be shared with financial institutions solely for payment processing purposes.

Applicants have the right to request access to, rectification, erasure, portability, restriction of processing of, and objection to the processing of their personal data. These rights may be exercised by contacting: infoderechos@museoreinasofia.es

Should applicants consider that their data protection rights have been infringed, particularly where the exercise of such rights has not been satisfactorily addressed, they may lodge a complaint with the Spanish Data Protection Agency (AEPD).

Where applicants provide personal data relating to third parties, they are responsible for obtaining the relevant consent and for informing those individuals in advance of the information required under Article 14 of the General Data Protection Regulation.

Signature (mandatory)

Surname(s) and First Name:

By signing below, the undersigned applies for a public residency grant, declares that the information provided in this application is true and accurate, confirms that they meet all eligibility requirements, accepts the conditions established in this call and its governing regulations, and undertakes to provide documentary evidence supporting all information contained in this application, as well as to cooperate fully with any verification or monitoring activities carried out by the competent public authorities.

ANNEX III

DNSH (Do No Significant Harm) Declaration

First

The undersigned declares that the activity associated with the grant complies with the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle required under Regulation (EU) 2021/241, establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility, in that:

1. It does not cause significant harm to any of the six environmental objectives set out in Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, namely:
 - a. Climate change mitigation: an activity is considered to cause significant harm to climate change mitigation if it leads to significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
 - b. Equipment shall comply with the energy efficiency requirements established under Directive 2009/125/EC for servers and data storage products, computers and computer servers, or electronic displays. Procurement procedures shall ensure the purchase of energy-efficient equipment that fully complies with the European Commission's ICT Code of Conduct. Measures shall also be taken to increase the durability, repairability, upgradability and reusability of the electrical and electronic equipment deployed.
 - c. Climate change adaptation: an activity is considered to cause significant harm to climate change adaptation if it leads to an increase in the adverse impacts of the current climate and the expected future climate on the activity itself or on people, nature or assets.
 - d. The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources: an activity is considered to cause significant harm to the sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources if it is detrimental to the good status or good ecological potential of water bodies, including surface and groundwater bodies, or to the good environmental status of marine waters.
 - e. The transition to a circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling: an activity is considered to cause significant harm to the circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling, if it leads to significant inefficiencies in the use of materials or in the direct or indirect use of natural resources; if it significantly increases the generation of waste, the mechanical-biological treatment, incineration or landfilling of waste; or if the long-term disposal of waste may cause

significant and long-lasting harm to the environment.

- f. Equipment shall comply with the material efficiency requirements established under Directive 2009/125/EC for servers and data storage products, computers and computer servers, or electronic displays. The equipment used shall not contain the restricted substances listed in Annex II to Directive 2011/65/EU, except where the concentration values by weight in homogeneous materials do not exceed those specified therein. At the end of their useful life, the equipment shall be prepared for reuse, recovery or recycling, or subjected to appropriate treatment, including the removal of all fluids and selective treatment in accordance with Annex VII to Directive 2012/19/EU.
- g. Pollution prevention and control: an activity is considered to cause significant harm to pollution prevention and control if it results in a significant increase in emissions of pollutants into air, water or land.
- h. The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems: an activity is considered to cause significant harm to the protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems if it is significantly detrimental to the good condition and resilience of ecosystems or to the conservation status of habitats and species, particularly those of Union interest.

Second

The undersigned declares that the activities carried out with the grant do not fall within any of the excluded activities identified in the Technical Guidance on the application of the "Do No Significant Harm" principle under the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation. In particular, the following activities are excluded:

- a. Activities related to fossil fuels, including downstream use thereof (except for projects under this measure related to the generation of electricity and/or heat using natural gas, as well as related transmission and distribution infrastructure, provided that they comply with the conditions laid down in Annex III to the Technical Guidance on the application of the "Do No Significant Harm" principle (OJ C 58, 18 February 2021, p. 1)).
- b. Activities under the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) for which the projected greenhouse gas emissions are not expected to fall below the relevant benchmark values (where the greenhouse gas emissions generated by the supported activity are not expected to be substantially lower than the relevant benchmarks, a duly reasoned explanation shall be provided. The relevant benchmarks are those established for the

free allocation of emission allowances for activities falling within the scope of the EU ETS under Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/447).

- c. Activities related to waste landfills, incineration plants and mechanical-biological treatment plants. In the case of incineration plants, this exclusion does not apply to actions undertaken under this measure in facilities exclusively dedicated to the treatment of non-recyclable hazardous waste, nor to existing facilities where such actions are aimed at increasing energy efficiency, capturing exhaust gases for storage or use, or recovering materials from incineration ash, provided that such actions do not result in an increase in the plant's waste treatment capacity or an extension of its operational lifetime. Such details shall be documented for each facility.
- d. With regard to mechanical-biological treatment plants, this exclusion does not apply to actions undertaken under this measure in existing facilities where such actions are intended to improve energy efficiency or retrofit the facilities for recycling operations involving separately collected waste, such as composting and anaerobic digestion of biowaste, provided that such actions do not increase the waste treatment capacity of the facility or extend its operational lifetime. Such details shall be documented for each facility.
- e. Activities where the long-term disposal of waste may cause harm to the environment.

Third

The undersigned acknowledges that only those activities which comply with the relevant national and European Union environmental legislation shall be eligible. Furthermore, the undersigned declares that the project or activity supported by the grant is not expected to have direct effects on the environment, nor primary indirect effects, understood as those that may materialise after the completion of the project or activity.