



## **Foundation FUTUR, Switzerland**

### **Short-term residency programme**

Detailed programme information

FUTUR is a local Swiss foundation based in Rapperswil-Jona (30 km from Zurich, on the Lake of Zurich). The foundation was set up by the Swiss entrepreneur Dr. Thomas Schmidheiny, and the City of Rapperswil-Jona.

The foundation has been offering a residency programme for young artists since 1997. For ten years, the foundation cooperated with the California College of Arts. From 2008 until 2016 the foundation accepted fine arts alumni of the Mumbai JJ School of Art for our residency programme.

The residency programme is led and curated by the Swiss artist Hedi-K. Ernst Schmid (<http://www.arthke.com/>) and borne financially by Dr. Thomas Schmidheiny.

#### **1. What we offer**

Each year, we are offering two 10-weeks residency in Rapperswil-Jona, Switzerland. The starting date is 1 April and 1 September of each year.

The residency includes:

Infrastructure:

- Support for international travel costs
- A work and living space in the city centre of Rapperswil (a one-room studio with private bathroom and in-house-kitchen facility)
- Health insurance during your stay
- Luncheon vouchers for the university canteen and restaurants in Rapperswil-Jona
- Pocket money allowing for other food purchases and daily needs
- 5 day passes for travels to Zurich

Artistic support:

- Mentoring by Swiss artist Hedi-K. Ernst Schmid
- Organisation of an in-house show at the end of the residency

The flatlet/studio is located on the top floor of a modernized medieval building in the Old Town of Rapperswil, close to the Lake Zurich, shops and restaurants.

The building is also domicile for approx. 4 young start-up companies, who are also stipendiaries of the FUTUR foundation. The foundation seeks to foster lively personal interaction between the artists in residence and the young entrepreneurs so that they can learn from each other's view points.

The foundation will also make sure to introduce you to people in Rapperswil-Jona in order to help you connect to your new surroundings.

For more details, please check out on: [www.futur.ch](http://www.futur.ch)

## 2. What we expect

As a rule, we expect you to bring along the material you need for your art. Any exception needs previous discussion and approval by the foundation.

While you are in Switzerland, we expect that

- you will work creatively according to your work concept for your residency (which is part of your application);
- you will prepare for a small in-house show at the end of your stay where you will present the artistic results of your residency;

You can receive artistic mentoring by Swiss artist Hedi-K. Ernst Schmid subject to your needs.

## 3. Candidate qualifications

- You have finished a Bachelor or Master Degree
- You are 25-35 years of age
- You have not yet contracted with an art gallery
- You speak English

## 4. Application procedure

### Deadlines

Deadline for the residency starting on 1 April is 31 October in the last preceding year and starting on 1 September is 31 March. If we identify more than one suitable candidate, we will shortlist them for the next residency. In this case there will be no additional application procedure.

### Application

Your application must contain:

- A cover letter (indicating also your contact details, preferably also an email address)
- Your CV
- At least one letter of recommendation by an art professor or another approved art expert
- A selection of recent art works you have made, i.e. your portfolio. By preference, please send us digital images, either via email or burnt onto a CD which you can send us via mail. If this is not possible, please do contact us so that we can find a solution
- A written statement about your art (e.g. your ideas about your art, your intentions as an artist), max. 2 pages
  
- Your work concept for your stay in Switzerland (explaining your artistic intentions for your stay in Switzerland and indicating your work program); max. 2 pages
- Proof of language proficiency (e.g. your final school exam indicating your marks in English). We might decide to lead a telephone interview with you in case you are becoming short-listed for the residency
- Copies of your art school diploma(s)

## **Procedure**

Please apply directly at the FUTUR foundation.

Preferably, please send us your application documents via email.

Please do not hesitate to ask us for assistance concerning the transmission/ mailing of your documents!

Email: [ursula.boehler@s-vm.com](mailto:ursula.boehler@s-vm.com) (Ms. Ursula Böhler)

Mail: Stiftung FUTUR  
Zürcherstrasse 156  
8645 Rapperswil-Jona  
Switzerland

The foundation is not liable for any loss in the course of mailing. We will notify you about the receipt of your application documents.

All applications will be screened by the foundation. A decision should be taken within four weeks after the application deadline. You will be notified as soon as possible after the decision has been taken.

Our selection criteria include i.a.:

- artistic quality of your portfolio
- originality and relevance of your work concept for your stay in Rapperswil-Jona
- statements in your recommendation letter(s)

In case you are granted a residency, you will then have to apply for a visa at the Swiss Embassy. We will give you assistance during that process. We will also make a preliminary reservation for your flight to Switzerland at that point.

You will need a passport in order to apply for a visa! We recommend that you apply for a passport at the same time that you file your application for the FUTUR residency. Please note that the visa procedure alone can take up to two months.

## **5. Contact**

If you have any questions, by preference, please contact us via email. Email: [ursula.boehler@s-vm.com](mailto:ursula.boehler@s-vm.com)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need assistance concerning your application.

Please do not enquire about the state of affairs after you have filed your documents with us. We will contact you as soon as we have taken a decision.

FUTUR Foundation

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