

Art residencies in Finland for Ukrainian artists

Open call 2027

Easy Read version



This is an **Easy Read** version of our open call.

An **open call** is an invitation. It asks artists to apply.

About this document



You may need help to read this document.

You can ask someone you know to help you.



Words in **bold** are important.

We explain hard words when we use them.

There is also a **large print** version of this open call.



If you have questions, you can contact us using the form on our website:

www.hiap.fi/contact-us-form

The most important date



You must send us your application by **2 November 2026**.



The latest time you can send it is **3pm Finland time**.

This is 15:00 in the time zone GMT+2.

What is this open call?



This open call is for **Ukrainian artists** and **artists who live in Ukraine**.

It is for artists who have been affected by the war in Ukraine.



You can apply for a **residency** in Finland.

A residency is when an artist stays in a new place for some time.

The artist gets time and space to think and to work on their art.



The residencies are part of the **Ukraine Solidarity Residencies Programme**. We call it **USRP** for short.

The **Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture** gives money for USRP. The ministry is part of the government of Finland.

About USRP



USRP started in **2022**.

A group of art organisations joined together to help artists affected by the war in Ukraine.



USRP gives artists a **place to live and work**.

It helps Ukrainian artists to keep making their art.



In 2027 there are **seven** partners:

- HIAP
- Art Centre Salmela
- Vantaa Artists Association
- Värtsilä Art House
- Nelimarkka Museum
- Fairres
- AARK

When and how long



The residencies are between **January and July 2027**.



A residency lasts from **one to three months**.

Sometimes you can stay longer.



All residencies can host **one artist**.

Some residencies can also host your **family**.
Up to four people in total.



In the application form you can tell us:

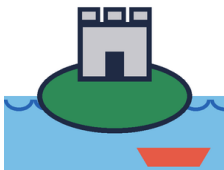
- how long you want to stay
- where you would like to stay

Where the residencies are



The residencies are in different places in **Finland**.

Here is some information about each one.



AARK

AARK is on the island of **Korpo**, near Turku. It is by the sea.

There are four flats. Each flat has space to live and work, and a small kitchen.

You can get there by public transport.

Families are welcome.



Art Centre Salmela

Salmela is in **Mäntyharju**.

Each artist has their own bedroom and a studio to work in.

You share the kitchen, bathrooms and living room.

Sometimes artists share bedrooms or studios. We agree this before you come.

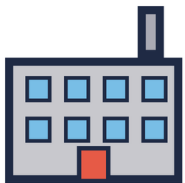


Fairres

Fairres is in the town of **Porvoo**. It is a residency that cares about nature.

There is a small house with a garden, and a separate workspace.

You can have a quiet time alone, or work with other artists in Porvoo.



HIAP

HIAP is on **Suomenlinna island** in Helsinki.

There are large flats where you can **live and work**. It is called an **Atelier**.

You work downstairs.

You live upstairs. There is a bed, a small kitchen and a bathroom.

You can use HIAP's rooms and equipment.

Families are welcome.



Nelimarkka Artist Residency

This residency is run by Nelimarkka Museum. It is in a quiet place near the centre of **Alajärvi**.

The building was designed by the famous architect **Alvar Aalto**.

Downstairs there is a gallery. Upstairs there are two bedrooms, a large shared studio, a kitchen and a place to wash clothes.

They provide bicycles.



Värtsilä Art House

Värtsilä Art House is in **Värtsilä**, in the east of Finland.

It started because of the war in Ukraine. It hosts artists who have had to leave their homes because of the war.

There is a house to live in, and a large workshop for clay and sculpture.

It is best for artists with **families**.



Vantaa Artists Association

The residency is in the **Gjutars Artists House** in Vantaa, near Helsinki.

You live and work upstairs.

Downstairs there is a gallery with art exhibitions.

What you get



A place to **live and work**. You do not pay for it.



We pay for your **travel** to Finland and back home.

We pay for one return trip.



We give you **€1200 every month** to support your work.

This money is called a **grant**. You do not pay it back.



A small amount of money for **disabled artists**. This is called an **access budget**.

Access support



We want the residencies to be **accessible**.

Do you want to know about access at the residencies? Or talk about your access needs before you apply?

Contact us: www.hiap.fi/contact-us-form



The **access budget** pays for things you need to take part in the residency.



When we say **disabled**, we mean anyone who says they are disabled. This includes people who:

- are deaf or Deaf
- are neurodivergent. For example, autistic people or dyslexic people
- have a long-term illness or health condition
- have mental health conditions
- have access needs. This means you need some changes or support to take part

Different people use different words for this.



You can tell us about your **access needs** in the application form.

Or you can send us an **access rider**.

An access rider is a document that lists what you need to take part.



The people who choose the artists **will not see** this information.

We will keep it private.

You do not have to tell us now. You can tell us later if we choose you.



This open call is **not** in sign language or audio.

If this is a problem for you, contact us. We will do our best to help.

A safe and welcoming place



HIAP and the USRP partners want everyone to feel **safe and included**.

Read HIAP's **Safer Spaces Policy**:

www.hiap.fi/safer-spaces-policy



HIAP staff and residents agree to follow a **Code of Conduct**.

This is a list of rules about how we treat each other.

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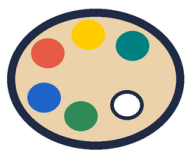
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We really want to hear from:

- LGBTQIA+ people. This means lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, intersex, and asexual people
- disabled people
- people from working class families or families with little money

Who can apply



You can apply if you are a **professional artist** and you:

- are Ukrainian
- or live in Ukraine

You must have been **affected by the war**.



Artists who make all kinds of art can apply.

How to apply



You must apply using the **online application form**:

www.hiap.fi/usrp-application-form



We **will not** accept applications sent by email.



Please apply in **English**.



You can answer each question by:

- writing
- recording your voice (audio)
- recording a video

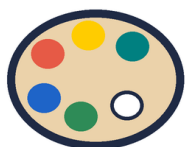
What to send us



You need to send us three things.

Each written answer can be up to **250 words**.

Each audio or video answer can be up to **two minutes**.



1. About your art

Tell us about your art and how you work.



2. Your situation now

Tell us if you are still in Ukraine or in another country.

Tell us anything else important about your work or your life now.



3. Examples of your art

This is called a **portfolio**.

It can be up to 10 pages, or up to five minutes of audio or video.

Send it as a **link** to a website or file.



Your links must **not** have a password.

Anyone must be able to open them.

If we cannot open your links, we cannot look at your application.



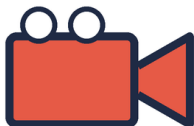
In the form you can also tell us **how long** you want to stay and **where** you would like to stay.

Sending audio or video



To answer a question with audio or video:

- record your answer
- put the recording on a website like Google Drive, Dropbox, YouTube or Vimeo
- copy the link into the answer box in the form



When you record:

- record each answer in one go. Do not edit it
- do not add music, filters, writing or special effects
- talk to the camera or microphone in your own voice
- say your name at the start



You can use a phone or a laptop.

Some background noise is fine.

We **do not** judge how good the recording is.



Keep to the **time limit** written in the application form.



Use these file types:

- video: MP4 or MOV
- audio: MP3 or WAV

How we choose



A group of people will read all the applications.

This group is called the **jury**.

The jury has people from each partner organisation. It also has artists and art workers who do not work for us.



The jury will meet in **November 2026**.

After that, we will contact you.

Remember



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