

Open Call: International Residency for Textile Artists

30th August –12th September 2023

ART 'N FIBER® - Artist Residency, Storvreta/Uppsala, Sweden

Region Uppsala, in collaboration with the Quilt Academy of Sweden and Uppsala Municipality, is announcing the international artist residency Art 'n Fiber® for artists living in Europe outside the Swedish border. The residency aims to encourage individual creativity and international artist collaboration in textile art. The artist granted is invited to give an artist talk at the Uppsala Art Museum presenting her/his work and sharing about the context of the stay at the residency.

What the residency includes

The residency offers a grant of SEK 15,000 and an additional travel allowance up to SEK 5,000 for travel to and from Sweden. The grant is to cover a two week stay with artistic work in an accommodation provided and hosted by the Quilt Academy of Sweden, located in the countryside just outside of the city of Uppsala.

The accommodation includes a spacy studio, kitchen, bathroom and a minor bedroom. The distance to the city is 15 km and Storvreta, the closest suburb with grocery store, restaurants and train station, is about 5 km from the residency. *Optional:* If adequate to the residency the selected artist is welcome to travel and stay with an assisting colleague/partner. However, note that no additional funding will be awarded for the purpose and a minor complementary fee may be requested.

Access to car transport, bicycles and spare bed is provided on request. Expenses for travel within the country, required insurances and food are not included.

Who can apply?

The residency grant is addressed to a professional artist or one with equally active artistic commitment. The applicant should be living in Europe but outside of Sweden. The artist must work primarily with textile techniques and have an explicit modern/contemporary focus based on one or some of the following techniques:

- Patchwork/quilting
- Free embroidery
- Surface design (fabric printing/dyeing/shibori)

The working process should be based either on independent artistic work, on aim to cooperate with an art professional (or a group) within Uppsala County or an already ongoing such collaboration.

During the Covid-19 pandemic the resident should be able to present a valid vaccination certificate upon request.

Application deadline May 15, 2023

Apply for the residency no later than May 15, 2023 by writing a brief letter about yourself, your professional or equally active artistic commitment and why you are applying for the residency. Also describe the intended context of your stay and if you plan to travel with an assisting colleague/partner. Enclose your CV and a portfolio with 3–5 photographs of your textile work including a brief description of each. The documentation should be written in English and all files should be sent in PDF or JPEG format to eira.langaas@regionuppsala.se with the subject text "Application Art n Fiber".

Only one artist will be granted the scholarship. Representatives from Region Uppsala, the Quilt Academy of Sweden and Uppsala Municipality will form the selection committee. You will receive an answer to your application no later than June 1st 2023. An evaluation of the residency program (evaluation sheet provided) should be sent in no later than a month after the residency.

General information and more about the residency is found at <https://quiltakademin.se/artist-residency-art-n-fiber/>

We look forward to receiving your application!

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