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CURATORIAL RESIDENCY EXCHANGE: Call for Applications *ARTWORKS (Athens, Greece) – SAHA (Istanbul, Türkiye)*

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ARTWORKS and SAHA are pleased to announce a collaborative Curatorial Residency Exchange Program, fostering cross-cultural dialogue and professional development between Greece and Türkiye. This initiative offers curators the opportunity to immerse themselves in the art ecosystem of each hosting country over a six-week residency.

› **Athens Residency:** A curator from Türkiye will be hosted in Athens for six weeks between October and November 2026, engaging with the local art scene and conducting research aligned with their curatorial interests.

› **Istanbul Residency:** A curator from Greece will spend six weeks in Istanbul from October to November 2026, exploring Türkiye's dynamic artistic networks and cultural institutions.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

This program is open to curators based in Greece and Türkiye who are actively engaged in contemporary art and interested in cross-cultural exchange.

Applications are welcome from curators with at least 7 years of professional experience seeking to broaden their professional horizons and immerse themselves in a new cultural context.

RESIDENCY BENEFITS

› **Support and Resources:** Participants will receive accommodation, travel support, and a stipend to cover daily expenses, enabling them to focus fully on their research and engagement during the residency.

› **Cultural Immersion:** Access to a diverse range of cultural venues, museums, archives, and institutions that reflect the host country's rich artistic heritage and contemporary practices.

› **Professional Networking:** Opportunities to connect with local artists, curators, and cultural practitioners through studio visits, roundtable discussions and other events.

› **Mentorship:** Guidance and support from the teams at ARTWORKS and SAHA, as well as insights from experienced professionals in the host country's art scene.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

› **Public Presentation:** Participants are expected to give a public presentation of their research or curatorial work, fostering dialogue with the local art community.

› **Curatorial Text:** A written text whether in the essay format or report summarizing the residency experience and outcomes is required, contributing to the program's ongoing development.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Interested candidates are invited to submit the following materials in English:

- 1. Curatorial Statement (up to 500 words):** Outline your curatorial practice, previous experience, and motivation for participating in this residency exchange.
- 2. Curriculum Vitae (CV):** Provide a detailed overview of your professional background, education, and notable projects.
- 3. Portfolio:** Include documentation of past curatorial projects, such as exhibitions, essays, publications, or other relevant work.

Submission: Please send your application as a single PDF file to application@saha.org.tr with the subject line: «Curatorial Residency Exchange Application – [Name].»

KEY DATES

› **Application dates:** 3 – 30 June 2026

› **Application Deadline:** June 30, 2026

› **Notification of Selection:** July 24, 2026

› **Residency Periods:** October – November 2026

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