

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

RESIDENCY PROGRAM 2023

What is SOAM Residency?

Founded in 2022, SOAM Residency has the ambition to support and connect people working at the cutting-edges of social, ecological and technological transformations. The program is oriented towards both established experts and emerging pioneers with high potential for development.

The SOAM Residency Program offers individuals or teams the opportunity to pursue their projects in a serene environment and connect with fellow residents through a facilitated digital learning journey.

To this end, we developed a twofold program running from June until September 2023:

1. We invite you to stay and work at our unique studio on the beautiful shores of Lake Ammersee for periods of four weeks (25 days) between June and September.
2. We facilitate monthly digital learning circles to connect all residents' projects and nurture an emerging community of practitioners.

How can I participate in Residency Program?

There is one Call for Applications per year for our Principal Residency Program. Our current Call for Applications opens May 8, 2023, on our website: www.soam.earth/residency

The deadline for application is May 28, 2023, at 23:59 CEST.

Who can apply for Residency Program?

Our residency program welcomes applications from all disciplines, sectors and backgrounds. We are particularly looking for people that challenge the status quo and work at the cutting edges of social, technological and ecological transformations. This includes but is not limited to:

- Architects & Urban Planners
- Researchers & Consultants
- Policy Makers & Public Servants
- Technologists & Programmers
- Innovators & Entrepreneurs
- Designers & Artists
- Activists & Advocates

Is there an age restriction?

Candidates must be at least 23 years old but there is no age limit.

Can I apply if I am still studying?

Candidates who are in training at the time of application are not eligible to apply for the residency program. PhD students may apply.

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Can teams apply for the residency?

Yes. Applicants may apply in teams of up to two persons. However, keep in mind that living and working spaces are shared and connected through an open architecture. This may create capacity and/or privacy constraints for groups. If you prefer private to communal setups, then we suggest applying as a single person rather than a team.

How do I apply? What do I need to submit?

Applicants will be required to complete the [application form](#).

May I bring my children or partner with me?

This should be coordinated with us in advance. We endeavor to reach family-friendly solutions.

May I bring my pet with me?

No pets are allowed at SOAM.

May I invite guests?

Residents can invite guests upon agreement with the curatorial team. However, we kindly remind you that the residency is meant to support the work on your project.

How long does the Residency Program last? Are there minimum and maximum durations?

The entire program runs between June and September 2023. Within this timeframe, applicants will stay for one month in our studio at Lake Ammersee, Germany. Applicants should indicate their preference for a specific one-month period. The one-month blocks available are June, July, August and September.

Beyond this, there will be monthly digital learning circles of approx. three hours. These will be facilitated by the SOAM curatorial team and are aimed at connecting the residents' projects. Applicants will be asked to present their work in one of the learning circles.

Can I postpone my residency?

The selected residents commit to coming to SOAM on the dates agreed with the team following their selection. For organizational reasons, it is generally not possible to postpone a residency.

Who reviews my application?

Applications are reviewed by SOAM's interdisciplinary curatorial team. For our next call for applications, the jury will be composed of:

- Felix Beer (Transition researcher)
- Carlotta Wald (Journalist)
- Simon Höher (Public systems designer)

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- Göksu Kunak (Performance artist)
- Lina Hollender (Sustainability consultant)

What will my living space be like in the studio space?

Residents benefit from a spacious studio with stunning architecture to tap into the full potential of their creativity. The studio has 150 sqm, with a fully equipped kitchen, a bedroom and bathroom, and a modular workspace that can be adjusted to the residents' needs. Residents enjoy free access to all wifi, screens, workshop tools, creative supplies and other useful equipment. Situated in a vast garden, the site offers private access to the lake and a beautiful view of the bordering Alps.

Address: Curry Park 4, 86911, Dießen am Ammersee, Germany

What is required from residents during a residency?

Residents will be required to contractually commit to SOAM's code of conduct. There are monthly digital learning circles between June and September 2023. All residents are asked to partake in and contribute to these meetings for the entire duration of four months.

Furthermore, SOAM's curatorial team will conduct simple interviews with residents at regular intervals to follow the progress of their project and build bridges between the different resident projects.

Do I have to participate in public events?

Open studios are organized once a year after each residency season. This is an opportunity for residents to present their ongoing research to the public. Participation in this event is appreciated but not compulsory.

Is there a stipend?

SOAM is currently not offering a stipend. Residents are expected to pay for their living, travel and material expenses themselves at this point.

Who takes care of the travel documents?

Before the start of their residency, residents are responsible for organizing their own trips and applying for any visas that may be required for their stay. They should also ensure that they have valid health and accident insurance covering their stay in Germany.

Who can I contact for more information?

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@soam.earth.