

FAQ

RESIDENCY PROGRAM 2024

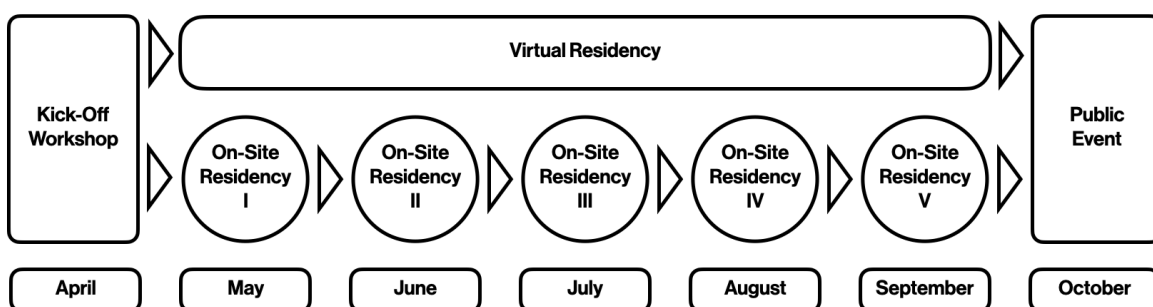
What is the SOAM Residency?

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 provides individuals or duos with the opportunity to pursue their projects in a serene environment and connect with fellow residents through a facilitated digital learning journey.

Running from April to October 2024, the program unfolds in four parts:

- 1. On-Site Residency:** Each resident spends one month consecutively at our scenic studio located at Lake Ammersee, Germany, from May to September 2024.
- 2. Virtual Residency:** All residents participate in bi-weekly virtual learning circles from May until September 2024.
- 3. Kick-Off Workshop:** The program starts with a kick-off workshop in April 2024, setting the stage for the months ahead.
- 4. Public Event:** All residents will showcase their projects at a virtual public event in autumn 2024 (TBA).



How can I participate in the Residency Program?

There is one Call for Applications per year for our Principal Residency Program. Our current Call for Applications opens March 20, 2024, on our website: www.soam.earth/residency

The application deadline is April 12, 2024 (23:59 CEST).

Who can apply for the Residency Program?

The SOAM Residency Program 2024 seeks individuals or duos who are eager to explore the intersection of technology, governance, and networked communities. We welcome applications from all disciplines, sectors, and backgrounds. This includes but is not limited to researchers, artists, entrepreneurs, innovators, designers, technologists, activists, and policy-makers.

To be eligible, applicants should:

- Be established in their practice;
- Be interested in learning about or developing their understanding of network sovereignties;
- Provide a concrete case study for their speculative project;
- Be 18 years or older;
- Be proficient in English (C1);
- Commit to the residency's full timeline, including the kick-off workshop, public event, and bi-weekly virtual learning circles.

SOAM is committed to offering equal access, opportunity, and outcomes to all potential applicants regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, civil or family status, religion, age, disability, race, or cultural and/or socio-economic backgrounds.

Is there an age restriction?

Candidates must be at least 18 years old but there is no age limit.

Can I apply if I am still studying?

We are looking for people who are established in their practice. Candidates who are in training at the time of application are not eligible to apply for the residency program. PhD students who have completed their entire course of study and are in the process of writing their thesis may apply.

Can collaborators, duos, couples, or collectives apply for the residency?

Yes. Applicants may apply as individuals or duos. However, keep in mind that living and working spaces are shared and connected through an open architecture. This may

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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 duo.

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

Applicants will be required to complete [our 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. Guest requests will be evaluated in this light.

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

Applicants should indicate their preferences for their one-month stay on-site. The one-month blocks available are May, June, July, August, and September 2024.

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 curatorial team. For our next call for applications, the jury will be composed of:

- Felix Beer (Ecosystem Strategist, TUM Think Tank)

- Primavera de Filipi (Director, BlockchainGov)
- Holke Brammer (Founder & Director, Hypercerts)
- Lou de Kerhuelvez (Governance Researcher, Foresight Institute)
- Annette Diefenthaler (Transdisciplinary Designer, Technical University Munich)
- Jessy Kate (Governance Researcher, Open Luna Foundation)

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. Furthermore, Residents will be expected to partake in the full program including:

- 1. On-site Residency:** One-month stay at our studio at Lake Ammersee, Germany, between May and September 2024.
- 2. Virtual Residency:** Bi-weekly virtual meetings from May to September 2024.
- 3. Kick-Off Workshop:** A virtual meeting in the end of April 2024.
- 4. Public Event:** A virtual conference to showcase resident projects in autumn 2024.

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?

At this moment, the SOAM Residency offers no stipend or other financial compensation. Residents will need to take care of their living, traveling, and material expenses while staying in our studio. However, we are actively pursuing funding opportunities to offer reimbursements to residents in the future.

Who takes care of the travel documents?

Before the start of their residency, residents are responsible for organizing their 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.