



OPEN CALL

19 February – 18 April 2021

RESIDENCY AT ZK/U BERLIN

APPLY UNTIL: April 18th, 2021

Residency Program

ZK/U hosts a multidisciplinary residency program, offering a living and working space for **practitioners of all kinds (artists, researchers, activists, professionals of various fields) whose work or approach explores the dynamics and experiences of the city.** The residency program welcomes applications with proposal framed as:

- a conceptual, contextual and interventionist contemporary artistic position,
- research or experimentation in the fields of urbanism, geography, anthropology, architecture and the humanities.

The common theme and interests that link the work of ZK/U residents allow mutual learning, spontaneous collaborations, discussions and exchanges to emerge, enriched by the diversity of disciplines and profiles of the residents. The ZK/U building, a former train station building located in a dynamic public park, is a space for urban experimentation and cross-disciplinary collaborations. Hosting regular public events for a diverse audience, ZK/U is also a lively cultural venue. Residents are encouraged to involve themselves with ZK/U's cultural program and to propose their own formats.

More information on the residency can be found [here](#).

(If you are an artist or cultural practitioner with curatorial experience based on the African continent, please see our current Open Call for the fully funded TURN2 Curatorial Research Residencies at ZK/U.)

Conceptual framework

Applicants are encouraged to formulate their project proposals with the [conceptual discourses](#) of ZK/U in mind.

What we provide

- a studio-apartment for living and working
- access to communal spaces (kitchen, terrace, library)
- a special residency program of weekly dinners, monthly studio visits and bi-monthly open studio events (OPENHAUS)
- the possibility to take part or be part of ZK/U's public events
- support to locate events, resources, and urban discourses relevant to the residency fellows' research interests
- support to create self-initiated public events or formats (additional costs may apply)
- promotion of the residency fellows' work online and locally

Costs

For individual residents or groups, depending on the type of studio-apartment and the length of stay (3-8 months), the residency fees are between €550 and €850 per month. The fees cover all utility costs, space usage and participation in the residency programming. The residency period can take place anytime within the next two years after the selected resident is notified.

COVID-19

Since spring 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has posed a world-wide challenge to all, including the cultural field. The ZK/U residency has stayed open throughout the pandemic and was able to constantly adapt to the changing situation and regulations, ensuring the safety of its community and a continuation of its programming in diverse forms when possible. However, bringing non-EU-based future residents into the EU has been quite difficult and will likely remain so as long as border restrictions are not relaxed or lifted. In all cases, the ZK/U team will do everything possible to ensure a safe stay at the residency.

Construction at ZK/U

From Summer 2021 to Autumn 2022 (planning status of Feb 2021) the public spaces of the ZK/U building will be expanded. The residency will still be open normally but the planned construction will likely affect the working and living situation at ZK/U. We will try to offer alternative spaces for showcasing your work for our regular OPENHAUS. Please consider this when you apply for a residency within this time frame.

For updates please check: [ZK/U Extension](#)

How to apply: <https://www.zku-berlin.org/open-call/>

Residency Program & Space: <http://www.zku-berlin.org/residency/>

Conceptual discourses: <https://www.zku-berlin.org/concept/>

FAQ: <https://www.zku-berlin.org/faq/>

Application Form: <https://forms.gle/ZKewPMeEL9P8nrEfA>

Share: <https://www.facebook.com/events/271995330970667/>

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