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Open Call 2027
‘Residens i Residensen’ fellowships during documenta 16 in Kassel

Norwegian Embassy in Berlin
in cooperation with
University of Kassel, documenta Institut and Caricatura

Application deadline: 13 December 2026

‘Residens i Residensen’ (‘Residence in the Residence’), the fellowship programme established by the Norwegian Embassy in Berlin in 2022, will once again be announced in 2027 as a nomadic programme outside Berlin. After Chemnitz and Dortmund, it will now take place in Kassel, the city of documenta.

In cooperation with the **Center for Resources Across Worlds (RAW) — Käte Hamburger Kolleg, University of Kassel**, **documenta Institut** and **Caricatura – Galerie für Komische Kunst**, two four-week residencies will be awarded during documenta 16. We would like to thank the City of Kassel for their kind support during the planning of the programme.

The aim is to provide Norwegian artists, curators and cultural practitioners with international working and networking opportunities and to strengthen exchange with the art and cultural scene in Kassel, the state of Hesse and the international context of documenta.

Key information

- **Target group:** Curators, artists and cultural practitioners from all artistic disciplines with Norwegian citizenship or whose place of residence and work is in Norway.
- **Duration of residency:** Four weeks between June and September 2027 during documenta 16.
- **Application deadline:** 13 December 2026.
- **Fellowship amount:** NOK 5,000 per week for the residency; up to NOK 3,500 for travel costs Norway–Kassel–Norway.
- **Accommodation:** For the RAW/documenta Institut fellowship, accommodation is to be organised by the fellow; RAW and the documenta Institut will assist with the search and provide EUR 3,000 for accommodation and related costs. For the Caricatura fellowship, accommodation will be provided by the cooperation partner.
- **Workshop:** During the residency, fellows will conduct at least one workshop or comparable format, e.g. a conversation, seminar, workshop, film-based or performative format. The content and framework will be agreed with the cooperation partners.
- **Network:** At the beginning of the residency, the Embassy will host a networking event with relevant local and regional contacts, such as museum directors, curators, researchers and artists.

‘Residens i Residensen’ has been opening up international opportunities for the Norwegian art and cultural scene for five years and strengthening networks between Norwegian and German cultural milieus. A list of programme alumni is available here: Deltakere Berlin-stipend «Residens i Residensen» - Norwegen in Deutschland.

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Through documenta, Kassel is one of the world's most important locations for contemporary art. The residency is intended to enable the selected participants to further develop an artistic, curatorial or research-based project, establish contacts locally and make productive use of Kassel's unique situation during documenta. The fellowships take place during documenta but are not part of the official documenta programme.

Depending on the applicant's profile, the residency will be linked to one of the local partners:

A. **RAW/documenta Institut:** Applications relating to artistic research, processes of social transformation, materiality, resources, ecology, political or social upheaval, and transdisciplinary questions are particularly welcome. Initial ideas for a workshop or exchange format should be included in the application.
B. **Caricatura – Gallery for Comic Art:** Applications relating to caricature, drawing, illustration, comics, satire, visual storytelling or comic art are particularly welcome. The application should also include an initial idea for a public or professional exchange format.

Please clearly indicate which of the two fellowships the application is for. If the applicant's profile is suitable and this is sufficiently explained in the application, it is also possible to submit an application that applies to both fellowships.

Applications should preferably be submitted in English, alternatively in Norwegian, and must include:

- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Brief description of an ongoing or planned artistic, curatorial or research-based project to which a residency in Kassel during documenta would contribute; max. 3,500 characters including spaces.
- List of planned meetings, institutional visits or possible interlocutors.
- Brief idea for a workshop or other exchange format in Kassel related to the respective cooperation partner; max. 1,000 characters.
- Preferred period within the documenta run, ideally with several alternatives; the residency lasts four weeks.
- Written reference ('letter of recommendation') from a supervisor, cooperation partner or similar person.

Applications are open to persons with Norwegian citizenship or whose place of residence and work is in Norway.

Incomplete applications, for example applications without a letter of recommendation, cannot be considered.

Applications must be submitted as **one** PDF document with the subject line **'Application "Residens i Residensen" Kassel/documenta 2027'** to **emb.berlin@mfa.no**, with a copy to **clemens.bomsdorf@mfa.no** and **franciska.nordset@mfa.no**. Questions about the programme may also be directed at these addresses.

The selection will be made in consultation with external specialist partners in the Norwegian Arts Abroad network and with the cooperation partners in Kassel. The call is subject to the Storting's budget appropriation.

The application deadline for the 'Residens i Residensen' fellowships Kassel/documenta 2027 is 13 December 2026.

There is no entitlement to selection. This also applies if all formal and substantive requirements for the award of the fellowship have been met.