

Hong Kong Art Gallery Association launches an Artist Residency Abroad Funding Scheme, open for applications now.

**ARTIST RESIDENCY ABROAD
FUNDING SCHEME**
藝術家駐留海外資助計劃

Hong Kong, 14 March 2017 – Hong Kong Art Gallery Association (HKAGA) has announced today the launch of an **Artist Residency Abroad Funding Scheme**. This new initiative provides assisted funding for local artists attending their own residency programmes overseas.

Founded in 2012, HKAGA is a member-based non-profit organisation of established art galleries in Hong Kong. One of HKAGA's main objectives is to reach out to support the local artist community by encouraging contemporary artistic practices. By launching this scheme, HKAGA hopes to provide local artists with more financial support as they pursue artistic endeavours overseas, allowing them to gain a wider cultural understanding, to interact with the international art community and to bring these experiences back to Hong Kong. This scheme provides assisted funding only; artists must apply to their own residency programmes overseas.

Applications are open to all artists who have attained university graduate level or possess equivalent working experience as a practising artist. They must possess a strong commitment to being a career artist and demonstrate a unique personal style with innovation and creativity. All disciplines shall be considered, including visual, sculpture, digital, and performance art.

Applications shall be accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed quarterly. Applicants must apply to their own residency programmes prior to applying for this funding scheme. Shortlisted candidates shall be interviewed by a selection committee, including HKAGA Board members. More details can be found on our website (www.hk-aga.org).

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