

The Amant Residency Siena

Chiusure, Tuscany, Italy

Open Call

Residency 16 June–6 September 2020

Deadline Tuesday 21 January 2020

Overview

The Amant Residency, situated in the Tuscan countryside, is designed for researchers and artists from all disciplines to focus on their practice. Participants are encouraged to cultivate new directions in their work surrounded by a community of peers in proximity to some of the greatest Renaissance monuments.

The area surrounding the Amant Residency Siena is known as the *crete senesi* which refers to the clay sediments left behind from an ancient sea that submerged this area millions of years ago. The landscape is dramatic and varied. The residency is located in the hamlet of Chiusure about half an hour drive south of Siena. It sits on a hill overlooking the Unesco Heritage site of the Abbey of Monte Oliveto Maggiore founded by the Benedictines 700 years ago. The abbey, a short walk from the residencies, is famous for its early Renaissance frescoes of Luca Signorelli and Sodoma. The program encourages visits to such and other nearby sightseeing.

Artists will reside in independent apartments that are part of the same complex as the studios. Each offers spectacular views and all are fully equipped. There is a dedicated communal terrace and there are two garden spaces now under development. The residency is an integral part of the village and artists will be encouraged to engage with the local community and visitors.

Eligibility

The residency welcomes applications from emerging artists of promising talent and from artists with professional standing in their field. Applications are welcome from creative practitioners and academics in a variety of disciplines: writers, composers, visual artists, screenwriters, curators, art historians and theorists, and other professionals working at the research stage of a project. The residency is self-led and we encourage dialogue and collaboration between the participants.

The Residency comprises

Individual apartments in Chiusure and individual studios.

Return economy flights and airport transfers to Chiusure.

Travel and visa expenses will be covered. All residents will receive a per diem and a stipend of 6000 euros for 3 months (prorated for shorter durations).

The residency is self-directed. There is limited technical support on site.

Assistance in accessing nearby sites and monuments will be provided during the stay.

The residents will be asked to do an open studio or other similar event during the course of the residency.

Residencies run from the 16th June to the 6th September 2020 and must be at least three weeks in length to a maximum of 12 weeks.

Selection

Applicants should submit a specific project proposal outlining their specific research interests and intentions during the residency. Selections will be made on the quality of individual application and selected by a jury internal and external to Amant.

Application Procedure

We accept digital applications only.

Please email your application to ilaria@amant.org.

Your application should include the following in ONE PDF file only:

- 1 A cover sheet with name, address, email and the duration of your proposed residency stay, if selected, from 16 June to 6 September 2020.
- 2 A simple proposal outlining a research project, if you were to be offered the residency (up to 250 words).
- 3 A statement describing your practice and your areas of interest (up to 250 words).
- 4 A CV or resume.
- 5 Any relevant documentation (e.g. publications, links to audio or visual materials, articles or reviews of your work, exhibition texts).

Applications that do not follow this format will not be considered.

Please note that there is a 10MB limit on pdf submissions. If your file is not in pdf format or is over 10MB you will not be able to submit it.

Application Deadline: Tuesday 21 January 2020.

Only successful applicants will be notified by early February.