

FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions – Exhibition Funding Abroad

Questions on applying for funding

Who is eligible for funding?

- The program *exhibition funding abroad* is meant to subsidize, under given preconditions exhibition projects outside Germany. Applications can be made for projects by German artists and by artists who have been a resident in Germany for a minimum of 5 years.

What activities qualify for funding?

- Funding refers to single exhibitions, group exhibitions, participations in exhibition projects with a multinational focus as well as participations in international biennials, provided that they take place in the scope of public museums, non-commercial galleries, art associations etc.
- For applications to biennials or group exhibitions with the participation of several artists, we only accept one overall application for all German or participating artists from Germany. If this is not possible, please contact us.

What are the funding requirements?

- High standards of artistic quality
- Invitation by a non-commercial foreign exhibition institution (not a private gallery)
- Project clearly situated in a non-commercial context
- Considerable achievements in its own right by the foreign institution concerned

Do artists for whom funding is being applied for, must have German citizenship?

- If an artist does not have German citizenship, it has to be indicated since when the artist has been a resident of Germany. The artist must have lived in Germany for a minimum of 5 years. Appropriate evidence, e.g. registration certificate, required.

Who can apply for funding?

The application can be made by:

- Artist
- Exhibition institution
- Curator
- In case of applications for biennials or group exhibitions with participation of several German or German artists, an overall application for the German contribution must be submitted. If this is not possible, please contact us.

In which language can an application be submitted?

- The application documents can be submitted in German or English.

Can an application be made for the expenses of curators?

- Curators are excluded from funding.

Are artist-in-residence stays also supported?

- No.
- It is possible that an application can be made for a subsequent exhibition, provided that it is open to the public

Do you also support projects for dance, theatre, film or similar?

- No, only projects in the field of fine arts are eligible for funding.

Can I apply as a student?

- No, you need to have finished your programme of study to be eligible to apply for funding.

Can I submit several applications at the same time?

- Yes, if you are applying for funding for different projects.
- No, if the applications refer to the same project being worked on in different countries. In this case, please submit one application only.

Can I submit an application to both Artists' Contacts and Exhibition Funding at the same time?

- Yes, you can submit an application to the relevant grant programme for different aspects of your project. However, you cannot apply for funding with respect to the same expenses.

Does ifa offer further funding programs in the field of visual arts?

- Yes, there is another funding option: The program *artists'contacts* subsidize travel and work-related stays by artists, curators, scientists, art educators, art theorists, architects and designers from developing or transition countries. Also German applicants have the opportunity to apply for funding of travel expenses and thus establish contacts and networks with developing and transition countries.
In case an exhibition is involved in the project, the module „exhibition funding“ is mandatory for the funding procedure.

Can I apply to other grant organisations at the same time?

- Yes, the organisations to which you are also applying for funding must be listed under item 5.2.2 on your application.

To which project timeframes do the application deadlines apply?

- **Deadline: 31 January (date of postmark):** Applies to projects scheduled to start in June that same year at the earliest. If we decide to fund your project, we only accept receipts dated after the date on which your application was approved. We will decide whether or not to approve your project for funding **by 30 April at the latest**.
- **Deadline: 15 August (date of postmark):** Applies to projects scheduled to start during the first half of the following year at the earliest. If your project is scheduled to start in December of the current year with most activities happening during the following year, you may submit your application by 15 August. If we decide to fund your project, we only accept receipts dated after the date on which your application was approved. We will decide whether or not to approve your project for funding **by 15 November at the latest**.

My project started before the application deadline. Can I still apply for funding?

- No, it is not possible to apply for funding for a project that has already started.
- A project that started before the written acceptance can no longer be funded.

Questions on the application process

How is the application submitted?

- Please use our *application form*. Only signed application that are submitted by post will be considered.

In which languages do you accept applications?

- Applications can be submitted in either German or English.

What are the criteria for describing my project in the application?

- Under point 4 in the application form (project description) please present your project in the form of a coherent text. The project idea and its implementation should be presented in such a way that the jury gets a realistic idea of your project. Avoid applications in the style of essays.
- With the project description, we expect a short, meaningful summary of the project thematically / in terms of content (max. 2,700 characters including spaces). This should include the following points:
 - Concrete target, target group and planned effect for your project.
 - Motivation of cooperation with a planned project partner, mention of previous co-operations

What are the requirements for the invitation letter from the inviting institution?

- In the signed invitation letter the exhibition institution should confirm your project and name all of the artists who have been invited as well as the scheduled duration of the project. The invitation letter must include information on the legal status of the institution (non-profit organisation, foundation, artists' association, etc.).

How are decisions on submitted applications made?

- Submitted applications will be presented to an expert jury. Funding is also decided taking into account the ifa budget available for this purpose and in relation to other applications.

How will I know when a decision has been made?

- All applicants will receive a written acceptance or rejection within three months after the deadline.

Can I submit documents after the deadline?

- If the application is submitted on time, documents can be submitted in exceptional cases and only after consultation with ifa in a timely manner.

Questions about the financing plan

Which costs are considered under general funding policy?

- You can apply for funding for travel, accommodation as well as travel and rental costs for technical equipment.

Can I apply for a daily allowance?

- Yes, you can apply for a daily allowance for food and drink. If you receive funding, you may be approved for a daily allowance of up to a maximum of 14 days. This amount is based on the guidelines published by the German Federal Government. The current daily rates can be downloaded from our website.

I also need funding for production expenses for my project. Can I apply for this separately?

- No additional funding is available for materials, printing, and production or transportation costs.

For what kind of expenses do I need to include cost estimates/quotes and in what form?

- For flight expenses, transport and rental costs for technical equipment upload three respective estimates (see upload-area).

- We accept online quotes.
- We do not require additional estimates for comparison if you are traveling by train or with your own car to the exhibition location.
- If artists will be arriving from several German cities in the same time period, you only need to submit a total of three flight estimates from one German airport.

How should I structure my expense and financing plan?

- You will find a template of a detailed financing plan under item 5 on the application.

What is the legal basis for my application?

- When carrying out a project, expenditure from funds can be made only if compatible with general Federal budgeting principles (see www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bho)

Questions on approved projects

When can I start working on my project; what counts as start of project?

- You can start working on the relevant part of your project as soon as you receive written confirmation of funding from ifa.
- Flights for which you have applied for funding, for example, may only be booked after you have received written confirmation of funding.

How can I access money for my funded project?

- We will reimburse you after you have sent in the original receipts.
- You can apply for an advance payment of accommodation costs, which we will transfer to you around two weeks before you are scheduled to leave.
- Receipts issued prior to written authorisation cannot be reimbursed.

How does the reimbursement process work?

- You will receive a funding agreement from us, in which you will be informed about the funding amount and the payment arrangements. Further you will find important information on this in our instruction sheet *Invoicing Modalities* which you can download from our website.
- After completing the project, we need the completed evaluation form. The form serves as a project report and is available for download from our website.

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If there are changes in the project what are my next steps?

- In order to be always up-to-date, it is necessary that ifa is kept regularly up to date on the project and informed of changes immediately.

What do I have to consider with regard to communication and public relations?

- The ifa logo is available for *download* on the website. The logo is to be used on all media material (print media, internet etc.) relating to the funded project. Furthermore, the ifa logo has to be published in the exhibition rooms as close as possible to the artwork.
- For the documentation, publication and advance notice on the ifa website as well as in social networks (e.g. Facebook) and our newsletters, the projects funded require rights-free images.

Questions on rejected projects

If my application is rejected can I reapply for funding?

- You cannot reapply for funding for the same project.
- You may reapply by the submission deadlines for funding for a new project.

Do I get a reason for not supporting my project?

- The decision made is not justified.