

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE 2025 FABRIK BURGDORF (CH)

3 months from beginning of June until end of August 2025.

The Fabrik and the City of Burgdorf are jointly running an artist-in-residence program. Each summer, an artist is invited to stay at Fabrik.

The space is a combined living and working area (2 rooms, 56 m² and 18 m², including kitchen/bathroom) and the possibility to use a large open space in the factory hall on the ground floor. Included is a monthly allowance of 2'000 Swiss Francs and a contribution to travel expenses. A small event towards the end of the stay is desired (exhibition, presentation) and can take place at Fabrik or outside.

About the place:

The Fabrik has existed as a studio house since 1985. The 10 studios are used by visual artists and a children's circus in winter. The general infrastructure that can be shared includes an office (Macs, scanner, printer, copy machine), a common room with kitchen, a van for transportation, a guest room and the outdoor space. Burgdorf is a small town of 16'000 habitants situated on the river Emme. It is close to Bern (15 minutes by train or car) and 1 hour from Zurich, Fribourg or Basel.

The call for proposals is addressed to visual artists from outside of Switzerland, without age limit but with at least some years of professional experience.

For further questions about the application conditions, please see the document FAQ.

Applications must include the following documents in 1 PDF (max. size 10MB):

- portfolio about the current work
- curriculum vitae
- letter of motivation with details of the plans in Burgdorf

Application deadline: **November 20 2024 (12 p.m. CET)**

[APPLY HERE](#)

(link to application portal, applications by e-mail are not accepted)

More information:

<http://fabrikburgdorf.ch>

FAQ - Information and frequently asked questions:

How long is the duration of the stay?

The stay lasts 3 months. The monthly fee is paid per month and at the beginning of the stay.

Who can apply?

The residency is best suited for visual artists or artist duos. The guest studio is for professional artists who have already had several years of exhibition experience. It is not suitable for students or people who pursue art as a hobby or for artisans.

Is the guest studio also suitable for several people?

Basically yes. The studio space is very large, the apartment has 2 rooms (1 room with window to the outside, a smaller room with window to the hall). The monthly fee is paid only once, no matter if 1 person stays here or more. Artists or couples with a child can also stay, as long as they organize the care of the child themselves and can cope with the offered room situation. The rooms are not suitable for more than 1 child.

Travel expenses

The trip must be organized by yourself and the costs will be refunded upon presentation of the travel tickets. We usually pay a travel allowance of 500 CHF for the outward and return journey together. For artist duos applying together or people from far away, the amount can also be up to 1'000.- CHF. Travel visas have to be organized by yourself. We can write an official letter of invitation if needed. No travel expenses for accompanying persons will be covered.

Unfortunately Switzerland is an expensive country, also for travelling by train. It is advisable to check in advance what travel expenses will be incurred and whether special discounts can be purchased for travelers from abroad (www.sbb.ch).

Cost of living

The monthly amount of 2'000.- CHF will be paid monthly in cash or transferred to the account of the artist after the start of the residency. The amount is intended to cover living expenses, travel within Switzerland and working materials. No further amounts will be paid out. The artist receives a Swiss Museum Pass which allows free admission to most museums.

What is available

The apartment is furnished and has dishes, towels, bed linen - everything you need to live here for 3 months. It has a WLAN in the house for free use. In the shared office, printouts or copies can be made at cost price, and a MAC can be shared.

If you need to work on the computer often, it is recommended to bring your own laptop. We are happy to help with extension cables, power adapters or advice on buying materials. Tools can be used as well, as long as they are only used occasionally. If you need tools every day, you have to bring them with you. Work material has to be organized and paid for by yourself. In the large open space, which is available as studio, tables, chairs, movable walls can be provided as needed.

There are also 1-2 guest bikes available.

Language

German is the language spoken by everyone in Burgdorf. However, most people here also speak English and French.

Visitors

It is also possible to receive guests during the residency, as long as you can make do with the offered room situation. In addition, there is the possibility to use a guest room for short stays of visitors.

Conditions

It is expected that the guest artists will spend most of their time here during their stay at the factory.

We usually organize a welcome lunch at the beginning of the stay with all factory artists and the cultural representative of the city of Burgdorf.

Towards the end of the stay, it is desired that the guest artists organize either a small presentation of their work or an exhibition in or outside the factory. We are happy to extend a public invitation to this and to take care of an aperitif. Furthermore it is possible to produce a postcard and, if there is a public event, also a flyer for it.