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Residence 2026



HIAP, Bioart Society, Koynë Program and SWAMP: Art Material and Waste Management Point and TUO TUO are calling for applications from artists in the Nordic and Baltic countries for a new pilot residency programme focused on socially engaged, process-orientated and material-driven practices, to be held at HIAP Helsinki International Artist Programme from 13 April to 16 July 2026.

Learning Materials investigates how biomaterials, traditional practices, new technology and existing knowledges can be brought together to rethink our relationship with materials and the planet. The project aims to focus on **conscious and tangible approaches to ecological and sustainable material practices for artists and communities**.

The project's intent is also to investigate obstacles and solutions related to the use of sustainable materials in the operations of cultural organisations, focusing on the implementation of multipurpose, reusable and recyclable materials.

The residency focuses on research and experimentation, with no designated output.

Residents have the opportunity to share their practice through the delivery of a Learning Materials Lab, and through publishing one text (or other format) online via the partners websites at the end of the residency period.

Eligibility

This call is for artists living and working outside of Finland and based in a Nordic Baltic country (**Denmark**, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, **Norway**, Sweden, Åland, **Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania**).

Arts practitioners from all disciplines are welcome to apply. People from the global majority, who are LGBTQIA+, disabled and/or from working class or low socioeconomic backgrounds are particularly encouraged to apply.

There is one **pet friendly** residency apartment in Suomenlinna Studios. **Family members are welcome** with no extra residency fees but must cover their own travel costs.

Residency conditions

- Travel to and from the artist's home –slow travel encouraged
- Internal travel budget for field trips and research up to 150 EUR
- Working Grant of 1,300 EUR per month (3,900 EUR in total)
- Material budget up to 750 EUR
- Budget for delivering a Learning Materials Lab up to 400 EUR
- Publication budget of 200 EUR for delivery of text at end of residency

Learning Materials application guidelines

Deadline: 23 September 2025

WEBSITE

[HTTPS://WWW.HIAP.FI/OPEN-CALL/LEARNING-MATERIALS-ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE-2026-FOR-ARTISTS-BASED-IN-THE-NORDIC-AND-BALTIC-COUNTRIES/](https://www.hiap.fi/open-call/learning-materials-artists-in-residence-2026-for-artists-based-in-the-nordic-and-baltic-countries/)

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