

21TH SPRING ARTS BURSARY L'ESCALA 2019



CALL FOR THE L'ESCALA INTERNATIONAL SPRING BURSARY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A residency for research and artistic creation

L'Escala Town Council (Girona, Catalonia) has created this **international** bursary, aimed at artists. Its purpose is to provide a platform for the expression, development and theory of art, and study and research in the field, strengthening communication among varied sensitivities, cultures and geographical origins, raising awareness of contemporary art and, at the same time, invigorating the surrounding area in partnership with the resident artist, thereby providing support to all those

who appreciate art.

RESIDENCY FEATURES

It consists of a three months' stay at Casa Forestal (Forest Service Building) at Sant Martí d'Empúries, a medieval hamlet within l'Escala municipality. It overlooks the sea and it is framed by an incomparable landscape. The accommodation and studio space provide excellent residency facilities. The working studio will be at either Casa del Gavià (Seagull House). Overlooking the sea and l'Escala beach, it is equipped with all the essentials, or at the Carolingian Castle at San Martí. Either one will be transformed into an exhibition space at the end of the residency.



WHOM IT IS ADDRESSED TO

Any professional or practitioner of artistic creation with a well-established artistic career, able to commit to occupying the space throughout the residency, may apply for the grant. The disciplines in which applicants can submit their portfolios will be PAINTING, SCULPTURE and any other VISUAL ART. Artists can also apply in groups of up to two people. Artists of **any nationality** are welcome to apply.

DURATION

It consists of a three-month residency in Sant Martí d'Empúries (l'Escala) from **1st April to 30th June 2019**, to develop the project, and it may be extended into July for the follow-up exhibition.

The artist must commit to exhibiting the resulting works so that they can be presented and shared with the public so to disseminate the artist's work. The work

will be exhibited over the first fortnight in July, at the Gavià House in l'Escala, and over the second July fortnight, at the exhibition space at the Carolingian Castle in San Martí d'Empúries.

CONDITIONS

The theme of each participant's project can be freely chosen within the call's terms and conditions, and only a single project can be put forward.

The aim of the grant is to help artists to express themselves, exploring research paths. Those projects reflecting the scenic, historical and human context of the territory will be specially valued.

CANDIDATURES

Requirements to apply for the Spring Grant

Applicants must be 18 years old or above, of any nationality.

The candidature dossiers will only be sent in digital format (PDF), together with the completed application form, preferably in Catalan or in Spanish. They may also be in English. Dossiers submitted in any other language or with missing paperwork will be withdrawn from the call and destroyed.

The application submission deadline is 1st February 2019.

Participation in this call entails acceptance of its terms and conditions as well as of the jury's decision.

Once the verdict has been published, any dossiers that are not selected will be automatically deleted in order to ensure confidentiality.

Portfolio Contents to be submitted

Each section in the **application form** must be completed in PDF.

A covering letter of intent for the project must be included (one PDF page maximum), including a descriptive account of the creative procedure and potential on-site needs.

A CV including the applicant's personal details must be submitted (PDF format) (10 pages maximum).

An art portfolio showing examples of the artist's work must be submitted: A maximum of 15 A4 documents, which may be images containing text or videos (5 minutes per video maximum).

A photocopy of the candidate's Identity Card or Passport (PDF format) must be included.

A photocopy of the candidate's medical card or other proof of health insurance (PDF format) must be included.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Submission of all specified documents under Terms and Conditions, in the required format.
2. The creativity, originality and innovative nature of the project.
3. The quality of the artist's general work and of the specific project submitted.
4. Submission of schedule, suited to the Call's terms and conditions.
5. The bursary winner must confirm the bursary's acceptance, in writing, within 7 days of receiving notification of the award. Failing to do so, the winner will be deemed to have renounced to the bursary, as a result of which he or she will lose any right to it. The bursary will then be awarded to the next selected person, and so forth.
6. The residency must be conducted according to the Call's terms and conditions.
7. Once the bursary winner's proposed schedule is reviewed, the project implementation period will be set by the Bursary Management.
8. To keep track of the progress and dissemination elements of L'Escala's Spring Arts Bursary 2019 winner.
9. A full report on the work development must be submitted at the end of the residency.
10. The bursary winner agrees to donate to the Town Council a piece of work resulting from his or her artistic research. That piece will be selected by the Council.
11. The bursary winner commits to participating and collaborating in those activities programmed throughout the residency period.
12. Those artists who have been awarded the bursary in previous years are not eligible for this call.

SUPPORT TOWARDS CREATIVITY

The bursary winner is awarded a total sum of €2,500 (tax free) as financial support towards creativity. He or she will also be awarded a commemorative plaque.

The second and third place candidates will be regarded as finalists. They will also receive a commemorative plaque for their participation.

All personal and materials travel expenses will be met by the participant(s). However, the Town Council can provide a small lorry to transport any art materials on both the arrival and departure days, within a maximum distance of 200km; including collection from the artist's home address, railway station or airport to and from l'Escala.

The bursary winner may apply for other public or private sponsorship.

The Town Council will cover all accommodation and studio expenses. The selected artist will be offered the opportunity to hold an exhibition the Summer following the Bursary award, Summer 2020 in this case; with the Town Council's support.

BURSARY AND SCHOOL

L'Escala Town Council intends to increase the interaction between the bursary winner and local schools. As the artist will be staying in town for four months, it is an opportunity to awaken curiosity among children, raising their awareness of contemporary art world and addressing fundamental education issues, such as multiculturalism and the promotion of critical thought, two essential 21st century values.

Within this scope, the artist will be requested to welcome a number of school visits throughout the period of research, make presentations of his or her work and at the three schools in the municipality.

ACTIVITIES, COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA

Throughout the three months of the residency programme, a number of activities will be established to help the resident artist relate to the surrounding area and its people, and vice versa. The goal is to bring contemporary art research closer to the general public and bring about unlikely encounters for the artist.

The winning artist will benefit from a promotional campaign announcing the exhibitions on social networks, radio and television.

The winner will be required to sign a letter to authorize publication of his or her work.

DEADLINES

The deadline for candidature submitting is 28 February 2019. The application must be sent by e-mail to L'Escala Town Council at: becaprimavera@lescala.cat

The panel will meet in February 2019.

Any projects submitted beyond the given deadline, non original artists' work or those not complying with our terms and conditions will **NOT** be accepted.

By applying for the grant the artist understands that he or she accepts and agrees to the Call's terms and conditions.

JURY AND VERDICT

The jury will be formed by professionals from the contemporary art aesthetics world and dissemination and the field of creative culture.

The panel will take into account the fine artist's professionalism, clarity of the art project and the artist's commitment to implement it.

The jury reserves the right to declare this call null and void in the case the submitted portfolios or creators do not meet the required artistic professionalism demands.

ACCOMMODATION

The Town Council will provide the resident with a 90m² ground floor flat, at Casa

Forestal in Empúries, beside the Gothic church and overlooking the sea.

Description: two double bedrooms with all linen included a full bathroom, a kitchen and a living room with TV and Wi-Fi.

Maintenance: basic fortnightly cleaning of the flat will be provided. However, the flat must be kept clean and tidy by the resident, who must take full responsibility to vacate it in same state as found.

The bursary winner may be accompanied by his or her family (up to a maximum of try people). In case the winner is a team of two artists, the combined number of occupants cannot exceed four.



STUDIOS

The grant winner will be able to use two studios.

The creative space is at ground floor level, across from Casa Forestal at Empúries at a former Carolingian Castle.

The Carolingian castle studio consists of a single space of about 75 m² in size, with electrical power and water.

The studio includes some basic materials for inspired creation.

The bursary winner must agree to leave it in the same good condition as found.

The studio, containing the necessary elements for the project practical creation, is located at *Casa del Gavià*, overlooking L'Escala beach.

The available area is on the ground floor, consisting of three separate rooms, a bathroom, water and exceptional lighting; a total of about 65 m² will be available for use.

The studio areas will be transformed into exhibition rooms at the end of the residency.

EXHIBITIONS

The bursary artwork exhibitions will be held throughout the three separate rooms on the ground floor at *Casa del Gavià*, transformed into exhibition halls with all required features. The exhibition will be open to the public at regular visiting times in the first July fortnight, and at the Carolingian Castle, in the second fortnight.

The resident artist will be able to retrieve the exhibited works once the exhibitions have closed.

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND ACCESS

L'Escala, located in the heart of the Costa Brava and equidistant from Barcelona, Ceret and Cotlliure, lies very close to Figueres and Girona, where it is linked to the rest of Spain and Europe by motorways, regular trains, high speed trains; and two airports.

Beside Mediterranean waters, stands the old Casa Forestal in the mediaeval town of Sant Martí d'Empúries, close to the Graeco-Roman Empúries ruins and Costa Brava beaches. It is an optimal spot facing the sea, from where you can look out onto the whole Bay of Roses and understand why the Empordà landscapes and its coastline have been constant sources of inspiration for current and artists of all time. Beside L'Escala centre beach, stands *Casa del Gavià*, a building erected in 1951 and perched on top of some coastal rocks, with stone walls in the shape of a boat. Here you will find a viewpoint affording a wonderful seaview, in one of the finest settings in Catalonia.

PLACES AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

(The places located in the municipality of l'Escala can be freely visited on request)

L'Escala Municipal Library

Empúries Museum Library

Empúries Greco-Roman ruins

Aiguamolls de l'Empordà Natural Park

Anchovy and Salt Museum

Fish Interpretation Centre

Alfolí de la Sal (Ancient Salt Storehouse)

Gala Foundation-Salvador Dalí Theatre Museum (Figueres/Cadaqués/Púbol)

Museums and Art Galleries in Girona and Barcelona

Cultural activities in the municipality

Classical concerts in l'Escala and at Sant Martí d'Empúries Church.

ACCESSES

Barcelona: 140 km

Girona: 45 km

Figueres: 26 km

Perpignan: 85 km

Ceret: 71 km

Cadaqués: 47 km

Sant Martí Empúries and l'Escala are very prominent locations on the Costa Brava, especially over the summer season, when the population triples in number. Therefore, the exhibitions held in July by the winner of the Spring Bursary will undoubtedly be events eagerly-awaited by tourists and local residents alike.

SOME FURTHER INFORMATION

L'Escala Town Council

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