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Spring Arts Bursary

L'Escola 2024

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

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01 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 this field, strengthening communication among varied sensitivities, cultures and geographical origins, raising awareness of contemporary art and, at the same time, invigorate the surrounding area in close partnership with the artist in residence.

02 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. Casa Forestal overlooks the sea, framed by an incomparable landscape. The accommodation and studio space provide excellent residency facilities. The working studio and exhibition or work presentation at the Carolingian Castle at San Martí, according to space availability and selected project.

03 Whom it is addressed to

Any professional or practitioner of artistic creation with a well-established artistic career, able to commit to being present in the above-mentioned premises throughout the residency, may apply for the grant. The disciplines in which applicants can submit their portfolios will be PAINTING, SCULPTURE, PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO or any other FINE OR VISUAL ARTS. Artists can also apply in art-teams of maximum two people. Artists of **any nationality** are welcome to apply.

04 Duration

It consists of a three-month residency (April – June) at Sant Martí d'Empúries (l'Escala) in Spring 2024, to develop the project, and it may be extended into Autumn for a follow-up exhibition.

Each artist must commit to exhibiting their resulting works so that they can be presented and shared with the public so as to disseminate the artist's work. The selected artist will be entitled to hold an exhibition at L'Escala exhibition halls in the months following the Bursary Residence, backed by L'Escala Council.

05 Conditions


The subject of each participant's project can be freely chosen within the Call's terms and conditions. A single project only can be put forward.

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

06 Candidatures

2024 Spring Grant Application requirements:

- Applicants must be 18 years old or above, of any nationality.
- The candidature portfolios will only be sent in digital format (PDF), together with the completed application form. They may be composed in Catalan, Spanish, or English. Any portfolios submitted in any other language, or with missing paperwork, will be withdrawn from the Call and destroyed.

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- **The application submission deadline is 15th March 2024.**
- 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, those portfolios that are not selected will be automatically deleted in order to ensure confidentiality.

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Portfolio Contents to be submitted

- Each section in the application form must be completed in PDF.
You must fill in a general entry form (Instància genèrica) as a guarantee your documents have been received by the Council.
Link: https://www.lescala.cat/ca/tramits-i-gestions/instancia-generica/_id:19/

The portfolio you submit must include:

- 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.

08 Evaluation criteria

1. Project Creativity and innovation: 25 points.
2. The link with the environment. All projects must be original in the sense that they have not been carried out in other contexts or territories: 25 points.
3. The quality of the artist's general project and the specific project presented: 25 points.
4. The educational proposal in relation to the educational centres of the town: 10 points.
5. The curriculum and experience of the authors of the project: 10 points.
6. Proposal for a timetable that complies with the terms of the call for proposals: 5 points.

Conditions of acceptance:

1. The bursary winner must communicate in writing their acceptance of the grant within 10 days of receiving notification of the award. Failing to do so, it will be understood that the winner renounces the grant, for which reason their right will be lost and the grant may be awarded to the next selected candidate and so on.
2. To implement the residency according to the terms established in the call for applications.

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3. The period for completing the project, once the grant holder's proposed timetable has been reviewed, will be set by L'Escola Spring Bursary management.
4. To state in the developed project and its dissemination elements that he/she has received L'Escola Spring Arts Bursary 2024.
5. A full report of the work must be submitted at the end of the residency.
6. The bursary winner undertakes to leave a piece of their work resulting from the artistic research to the Village Council. The piece will be chosen by L'Escola Council.
7. The bursary holder agrees to participate and collaborate on a number of activities programmed throughout the residency.
8. Artists who have received this grant in previous editions are eligible to enter.

09 Funding 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 200 kms; 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 and exhibition the Summer following the Bursary award, Summer 2020 in this case; with the Town Council's support.

10 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 about the 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 as well as the Adult Education Centre.

11 Activities, communication and media

Throughout the two 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 through municipal media channels, may they be in paper form, digital or institutional social networks.

12 Deadlines

The deadline for submitting your candidatures is 20th March 2024. Those must be submitted to the Ajuntament de L'Escala registry, electronically via the Ajuntament's website. All required documents must be attached to a generic request form, or in person by previous appointment. Please telephone 972774848 (ext 8).

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The jury will meet during the month following the deadline for submission. Projects submitted after the deadline will **NOT** be accepted. Neither will any portfolios unless they are the artist's original work, or any which do not comply with the stated terms and conditions. Bursary application entails artists' direct acceptance and agreement to the terms and conditions of the competition.

13 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.

14 Accommodation

The Town Council will provide the resident with a 90 m2 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.

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 under his only responsibility.

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



15 Studios

The grant winner will be able to use two spaces.

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 artistic creation.

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

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

16 Exhibitions

The bursary artwork exhibitions may be held at various cultural venues according to features of the pieces to be shown and venue availability. Likely venues are Casa del Gavià and the Carolingian Castle.

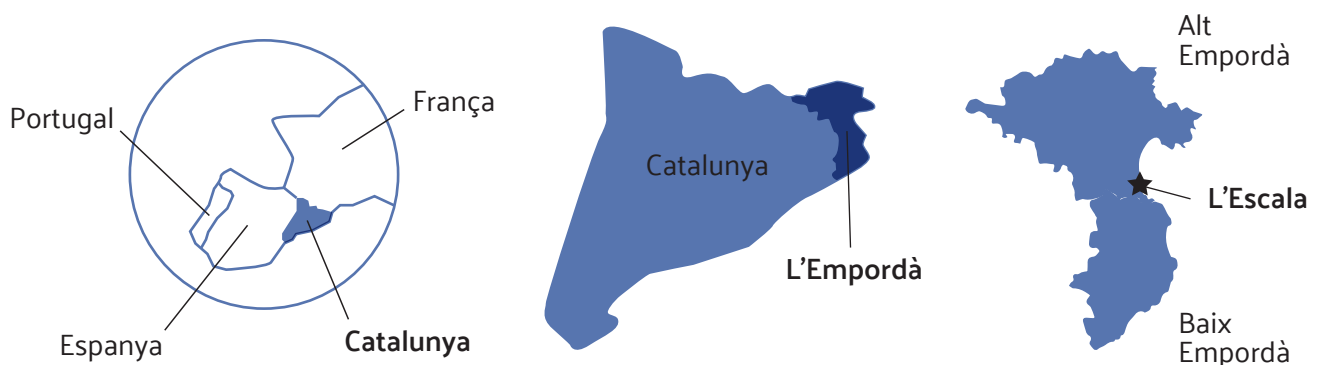
The resident artist will be able to retrieve the exhibited works once the exhibitions have closed.

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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 sea view, in one of the finest settings in Catalonia.



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Places and activities of interest

- 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.

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

20 Accesses

Barcelona: 140 km

Girona: 45 km

Figueres: 26 km

Perpinyà: 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.



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Some further information



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