

## Call for Applications

Quinta das Relvas Association, located in Branca (Aveiro, Portugal) invites artists from all practices to apply to our new program of one-month residencies.

### **Programs in 2021:**

**Period A:** 1st - 31st of May

**Period B:** 1st - 30th of November

### **Who are we?**

Quinta das Relvas is a non-profit NGO located in Branca, in the municipality of Albergaria-a-Velha in Portugal, and is dedicated to non-formal education activities in the areas of Arts and Sustainability. Quinta das Relvas headquarters are placed in a farm, that has a unique natural heritage in terms of native fauna and flora, as well as a rich history with the local population (it is an 18th century manor house where several families have lived). Here, Quinta das Relvas' team works daily to promote and develop activities capable of training participants and staff in the association's areas of activity (Arts and Sustainability) through the sharing of knowledge in events of various kinds, including conferences, workshops, artistic residencies, and exchanges. The target audience of Quinta das Relvas is, in particular, young adult in training, at the beginning of their careers, giving priority to those who are in some way disadvantaged and / or at risk, in a local, national and international context. Sending participants to international activities through training and exchange programs, free of charge, is also one of the association's fields of action.

The organization has a multidisciplinary team with elements working in the fields of event management, education, plastic and performing arts, architecture, meditation, permaculture, among others.

## How is our Artists in Residence (AIR) program?

This program was created to fulfill a need and a demand from people that contacted us before, willing to work at the farm on their personal projects. With this in mind, we applied our expertise from other projects of ours such as *GRÃO - residência artística e de investigação* (AIR program for national emerging artists) to create this new AIR with unique characteristics that we believe will empower our artists in residence, both in personal and artistic ways.

Artists who apply for this AIR program must understand and accept that they will be producing work in a rural environment, which brings with it challenges that require the availability of the resident to adapt to them. The applicant must take into account that in a rural environment there is a coexistence with natural and animal life and there is a greater dependence on weather conditions. Quinta das Relvas is an association with very specific spaces and conditions that are different from a regular studio. For this reason, we invite applicants to visit our webpage - [www.quintadasrelvas.pt](http://www.quintadasrelvas.pt) - and social media pages. In addition, we also invite applicants to make some research about our council (Albergaria-a-Velha) and region (Aveiro). For living cost comparison please visit [www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/comparison.jsp](http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/comparison.jsp) and for more information on weather please visit [climate-data.org](http://climate-data.org). You can also request more information in the contacts provided by this regulation document.

The association is open to the initiatives of our artists residents, (such as organizing workshops, talks, events that engage local community etc...) and we will have a member of our team available to help materialize any initiatives that may be proposed.

## What do we offer:

This program requests a fee of 350€ per artist for the duration of one-month residency that includes:

- Studio space 20m<sup>2</sup> ;  
*The residency receives a total of 4 residents per period, who share the studio. The studio is a wood and glass structure, full of natural light, placed in the middle of the forest with a total of 80 m<sup>2</sup>.*
- Shared Accommodation;
- Equipped kitchen;
- Internet;

- Common areas;
- Basic working furniture (on request) such as table, chair, wood planks, easel etc;
- Access and usage of tools available in the association;
- A collective exhibition in a local venue;

The outside space around the studio can also be used as work space, and, site-specific installations and land art permanent or temporary works can be done in situ.

**Note:**

*Quinta das Relvas Association regularly organizes public events in the fields of arts and sustainability. Regular and specific activities will continue to take place in other spaces of the association headquarters during the residence period. In some cases, activities may require the usage of the studio space. If that situation may occur during the residency period, artists will be refunded for the day(s) they could not use the studio. Nevertheless, residents will have free access to those activities and the accommodation remains guaranteed.*

**Who can apply:**

Professional artists or curators from all nationalities, ages, genders, ethnicities and sexual orientations. We encourage applications from all art practices (visual arts, performing arts, literature, music). Groups are also welcome to apply.

**What we expect:**

- Basic knowledge of English or/and Portuguese;
- Respect for the rules of the association, specially the ones concerning other activities and people living and working at the farm, environment, animals and schedules;
- Respect for the working and living spaces, keeping them organized and clean;
- Ability to respect and to have a good and tolerant relationship with the other artists and the association staff;
- Donation of an artwork of your choice (mostly for visual arts and literature) or a public presentation like a concert or performance (mostly for musicians or performative artists).

## How to apply:

To apply you should send an email to [lizard@quintadasrelvas.pt](mailto:lizard@quintadasrelvas.pt) with the following:

- Specification of the period to each to want to apply. If you are available in more than one period you should list your priorities;  
*However, if you apply for eg. to period A and B, and you list A as your priority and don't get accepted, you may only be notified of possible acceptance on the period B once that deadline of this period closes, and other applications are evaluated. If we receive too many applications we may close the all periods at once, and in that case, you will be notified of your acceptance right away.*
- Portfolio (including images, videos, links for music, photos, text, etc...);
- Written text about your work and your proposal;
- Curriculum Vitae;
- Written text presenting yourself and your motivations;

Except for the specification of the desired dates for the residence (which can be included in the email) every document should be mailed in **one single PDF file, or a different PDF for each one of the 4 requested documents**. You can send it either via email, or we transfer.

Please note we do not evaluate artists necessarily on the quality of their portfolio but the application as whole. This means that characteristics like a greater will to work at the farm or a greater need of an opportunity like this may help your application to be chosen.

You may be contacted for a short interview.

## Payment Methods:

After the notification of acceptance, the residents will receive further information about the Association Quinta das Relvas and the AIR program, and will be asked to pay 50% of the total fee (not refundable) through bank transfer, in order to guarantee their place. The second half of the fee should be payed once at the farm.

**Deadlines:**

Applicants should mail their applications before the following dates:

**Period A:** 5th of April

**Period B:** 5th of October

**Contact us:**

For more information about the artist-in-residence program please contact us at:

[lizard@quintadasrelvas.pt](mailto:lizard@quintadasrelvas.pt)

If you want to know more about the NGO that organizes this AIR program, we advise you to visit the website [www.quintadasrelvas.pt](http://www.quintadasrelvas.pt) in order to obtain further information.

You can also visit our social media pages at:

<https://www.facebook.com/quintadasrelvasbranca>

<https://www.instagram.com/quintadasrelvas/>

[https://www.instagram.com/grao\\_residencia.artistica/](https://www.instagram.com/grao_residencia.artistica/)

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