

2026 Akiyoshidai International Art Village Artist in Residence Fellowship Program

“AIAV Fellowship Program” is open to domestic and international artists working in various creative fields. The aim of the program is to support artists’ activities and to offer the local people in Yamaguchi pref. opportunities to appreciate arts and communicate with artists crossing the borders of art disciplines and nationalities. During the residency period, artists should actively communicate with local people in Yamaguchi and participate in the exchange programs, including workshops, lectures, school visits and exhibitions.

1. Residency period

About 1 month during the period from 5th May to 31th July 2026 or from 1st October to 28th December 2026 or from 6th January to 30th March 2027

2. Eligibility

*Applicants should be applicable to one of the conditions below.

- (1) Artists who have funding from international/national foundation or organization
- (2) Artists who have previously selected or stayed at AIAV for the residency program
- (3) Artists who have a reference letter from international/national governmental, educational or cultural exchange foundations
- (4) Artists who have a reference letter from the Selection Committee of the Residence Program of Akiyoshidai International Art Village or the Steering Committee, (Advisory Council).

3. The costs covered by AIAV

- (1) Fee for accommodation (private room)
- (2) Fee for studio (We have various types of studios: the assignment is done by AIAV. The costs of studio for the exchange program covered by AIAV.)
- (3) Fee for usage of facilities and expenses for exchange programs (within budget)

4. Responsibilities

- (1) Artist should communicate in English or Japanese
- (2) Artist should be supportive in providing materials for publicity and archiving
- (3) Artist should participate in the exchange program for the local community (e.g. workshop, lecture and networking event).
- (4) Artist should stay and work at AIAV during his/her project period.

5. Application materials

- (1) Portfolio: Please choose option (A) or (B) below.
 - (A) Submit up to 10 images of your works. (jpg format; maximum dimension 2,000px; maximum file size 1MB per work)
*Please label your images such as JaneDoe_01.jpg, JaneDoe_02.jpg... so that the numbers correspond to the works listed on the separate works list form.
 - (B) Attach a URL of your video uploaded on the web.
Note: The duration of the video should be edited under 5 minutes.
- (2) Current CV(A4 or Letter size PDF up to 2 pages)
- (3) Official certificate of funding (if you are applicable to 2-(1))
- (4) Reference Letter (if you are applicable to 2-(3) or(4))

6. How to apply

Please submit your application by completing the required fields in the application form on the “2026 Fellowship Program” page of the AIAV website.

Application form at the 2026 AIAV Fellowship Program Page in AIAV Website—Online application through the application form only.

*Please put all the materials to 1 folder and compress as a zip file.

*Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

*Submitted information is only used for selection and not for any other purpose.

7. Deadline

Must be received by 23:59 (JST) January 31, 2026.

8. Date of decision and notification

By the end of February 2026 (JST)

We will inform all applicants of the result on email.

9. Others

- In the examination, ideas for exchange program and the willingness to cooperate with local community collaborative projects by AIAV are emphasized.
- Artist should be responsible for production expenses, travel, living.
- If there is a possibility that the project will be canceled or change, we will decide that based on our discussions.
- Further information on the facilities is provided on the website.
- Transportation during the residence period: rental car, bicycles or public transport such as buses.
- You are expected to prepare your own meals during your stay. Use of the shared kitchen is allowed.
- Please consult with us in advance if you wish to have someone accompany you other than the artist who applied for the program. Please note that the support will apply only to the artists who have applied for the program.
- If you are applying as a group or with more than one person, each group is limited to a maximum of two people.

Contact information

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Organizations

Organized by Akiyoshidai International Art Village

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General Information

- Location: 50 Akiyoshi, Shuho-cho, Mine city, Yamaguchi, 754-0511, JAPAN
- Established: August 25, 1998
- Main Building: concert hall, amphitheater, 3 seminar rooms, 7 studios, gallery
- Accommodation Building: 36 bedrooms, salon, shared kitchen