

ART RESIDENCY

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MAISON DES ARTISTES MUSA NGUM

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The Alliance Française de Banjul is launching a call for applications for artists interested in developing a creative project through a long-term residency.

As part of its commitment to supporting artistic creation, the Alliance Française de Banjul is developing an artist residency programme through the establishment of the Musa Ngun Artists' House. This initiative aims to support diverse artistic practices, encourage professional development for artists, and promote the growth of cultural entrepreneurship.



The number of people is limited to 3 (three) per project



People participating in the project must be of legal age.



The project should last from one to three months.



The project must include a mediation component.

Applications are open for the following disciplines:

Danse · Music creation · Music studio · Photography
Textile · Research residency · Writing residency

Place of residence and workspaces

Resident artists have access to several creation and presentation spaces within the Alliance Française de Banjul:

- A fully equipped, enclosed and air-conditioned music studio suitable for music creation and studio work.
- An outdoor theatre with an 8 m x 12 m stage for projects that require an open-air space (dance, performance, theatre, concerts, public showings).
- The Artists' House, which includes living and working areas for residents.
- A conference room for workshops, training sessions, professional meetings, readings or screenings.

Residency requirements

- **Duration**
1 to 3 months (priority given to 2-month residencies).
- **Location**
Alliance Française de Banjul / Musa Ngun Artists' House.
- **Period**
To be defined jointly with the Alliance Française.

Artist's Commitments

During the residency, the artist commits to offering at least two public-facing projects.

1. A creative engagement project for the Alliance's audiences (workshop, talk, public presentation, performance, exhibition, etc.).
2. A training or knowledge-sharing project connected to their artistic practice (technical workshop, masterclass, introductory session, mentorship for young artists, etc.).

These activities should reflect the local context and, whenever possible, be developed in collaboration with Gambian artists or cultural organizations.

Residency Calendar

Applications are open all year.

Residencies that require an outdoor space (open-air stage or outdoor theatre) take place only from November to June due to the rainy season, which is particularly intense in The Gambia.

Studio-based residencies or projects that do not require outdoor space can be considered outside this period, depending on technical and logistical feasibility.



Financial conditions

The Alliance Française de Banjul covers:

- Accommodation for the entire residency period
- Production costs up to a maximum of €500, upon presentation of receipts
- Daily per diem of 1900 GMD to cover everyday living expenses

No artistic fee is provided as part of this residency. The program is designed to ensure living conditions on site and to provide the means necessary for project production. An artistic fee may be discussed if a public performance is organized outside of the residency showcase.

Candidate Profile

This call is open to artists who:

- Have at least two years of experience.
- Can work independently while also engaging in a collective environment.
- Are attentive to transmission, outreach, and intercultural collaboration.
- Wish to develop a creative project connected to the Gambian context.

Special attention will be given to applications from women, people with disabilities, and young artists.

Application file

The file must include:

- A presentation of the artist (biography and background)
- A portfolio or links to recent works
- A project statement for the residency (creation, research, goals)
- A presentation of the two planned outreach projects (creative and training)
- A production budget
- An artistic résumé
- A letter of recommendation
- Preferred dates and desired duration of the residency

Submitting applications

Applications must be sent by email to: afbanjulcc@gmail.com
Subject: **Application – Artistic Residency – Alliance Française de Banjul**

The Alliance Française de Banjul reserves the right to contact shortlisted artists for an additional interview. We warmly encourage artists to propose projects that are mindful of social, cultural, and environmental issues, and to consider the residency as a space for sharing, experimentation, and exchange.

