



Call for Applications

Expedition Science and Art - Fellowship for Artists

The Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research (AWI) and the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg (Institute for Advanced Study, HWK) are jointly offering a fellowship for artists. These two institutions would like to use this collaborative project to foster dialogue between the realms of science and the arts.

The AWI supports fine artists, photographers, authors, and musicians by inviting them to participate in expeditions (by ship), or to visit various research stations. This allows the artists to engage fully with the AWI's research in extreme Polar Regions as well as closer to home in the North Sea.

Besides Fellows in the HWK's four areas of scientific research, the HWK also invites artists as *Artists in Residence*, bringing the interplay between art and science to life within the context of the "art in progress" project and personal exchange. For some time now, there has been a tendency here towards the blurring of established boundaries; artists have engaged with scientific themes, and scientists have experimented by approaching their fields of research from the broadest possible perspective (cf. <http://www.h-w-k.de/en/arts-and-humanities/art-in-progress.html>).

Developed jointly by the AWI and the HWK, this fellowship is intended for artists who work in a wide variety of media. It is furthermore divided into three consecutive stages:

- Phase 1: As a fellow at the HWK: design of an artistic concept and preparation for accompanying an expedition or visiting a research station (ca. 2-3 months).
- Phase 2: Accompanying an expedition, visiting a research station, or staying at an institute location (3-4 weeks, and in the case of a ship expedition, up to 2 months). Depending on availability, expeditions are possible on the research ships 'Polarstern' and 'Heinke', and stays are possible at all research stations, including the AWIPEV base on Spitsbergen, Samoylov Station in Siberia, Neumayer Station III in Antarctica, The Dallmann Laboratory on the Antarctic peninsula, and the AWI institute locations in Bremerhaven, Potsdam, Helgoland, and List on the island of Sylt.
- Phase 3: As a fellow at the HWK: Implementation of the artistic concept begun during the previous phase on an expedition or during a stay at a research station (3-4 months) and presentation of the artistic work at the HWK and AWI. There are numerous possibilities to promote public dialogue between art and science, including, for example, round table discussions and presentations by the respective fellows at the HWK, AWI, and other suitable locations.

The period of funding for the fellowship encompasses the stay as a fellow at the HWK as well as the period spent accompanying an expedition or staying at a research station; the maximum total time allowed is eight months, of which a maximum of six months may be spent as an HWK fellow. The HWK will provide free accommodation in the form of an apartment as well as a stipend of 1,500.00 EUR monthly. The AWI will provide free lodging and food during periods spent aboard a research ship or at a research station, and as far as possible, the head of the expedition or research station will provide additional support. The AWI will also cover the costs of getting to and from the research ship or research station up to a maximum of € 6,000.¹

¹ Travel to and from Neumayer Station III costs ca. € 15,000; the difference of ca. € 9,000 must be paid by the recipient or acquired from another source.

This support does not include any contribution towards the costs of exhibitions and/or the production of art works. Applicants are encouraged to consider the subject of financing an exhibition already while preparing their application.

The application must be submitted per e-mail only and will be accepted only if submitted as a single file, maximum size 40 MB. The application has to include:

- Artist CV,
- Project description for the fellowship and expedition; the project description should consider and clarify
 - what role the scientific context plays in the proposed project,
 - what artistic goal will be pursued while accompanying an expedition, visiting a research station, or staying at an institute location,
 - what expectations are connected to accompanying an expedition, visiting a research station, or staying at an institute location (e.g. in the form of logistical support, the availability of working space, equipment, scientists, etc.),
 - how the applicant envisions his or her stay at this location,
 - what artistic outcome will be pursued within the scope of the project, and how it will be achieved,
 - whether the applicant has already considered how the final artistic work will be presented, what preconditions are necessary, and whether any required preparations have already been made or are already planned within the scope of the fellowship.
- Pictures/illustrations showing the applicant's works, sketches etc., and the address of the applicant's own website.

Applications are accepted from artists who have applied in previous years, too, under the condition that a new project proposal is submitted. Revision of an earlier project proposal is not sufficient, for a second application a completely new project is required

Applications should be submitted until 31 March 2017 by e-mail only (one single file, maximum size 40 MB), and exclusively to the following address:

Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg
Dr. Monica Meyer-Bohlen, Curator
Email: sekretariat@h-w-k.de

Additional documents, e.g. catalogues, shall be sent (with sufficient postage) to

Dr. Monica Meyer-Bohlen, Kuratorin, Gartenstraße 34, 26122 Oldenburg

All applications will be reviewed by the Artistic Advisory Board of the HWK and representatives of the AWI. The final decision about awarding the Fellowship will be taken by the Rector of the HWK and the director of the AWI.

All application will be treated confidentially and in accordance with privacy regulations. Storing application files will be limited to the needs of the selection procedure and the resulting Fellowship.

Questions regarding this call can be directed to

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