

Open Call

Immersive Residencies

DEADLINE **15.02.2024**

AADK SPAIN / BLANCA MURCIA



Length of Residency:
 minimum 2 weeks
 maximum 3 months

Application deadline:
 15th Feb. 2024

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Projects will be selected on rolling bases, and will be notified maximum 1 week after their submission.

AADK Spain invites artists and researchers to apply for this special edition of its Artistic Residency Program. The call is intended for creators who work with their body and/or with ephemeral installations, and want to engage with the unique enclave of Salinas del Curro (Blanca, Murcia), an old family salt flat hidden among the arid mountain ranges of the Ricote Valley. Projects may have a minimum duration of 2 weeks and may be developed between March and May or between October and December 2024. Residents are expected to work outdoors, although if necessary an indoor studio will be available in our main building, Centro Negra.

Throughout their residency, each artist/collective will have individual curatorial support. In addition, the research carried out will be documented in photo and video.

It is essential that the work carried out is respectful of this unique natural environment.

A maximum of 8 artists or groups per block will be selected for this call (spring/autumn). We invite you to send your proposals!

Photo / Abraham Hurtado





Workspace: Salinas del Curro

Salinas del Curro stands in the perimeter of Blanca Municipality, in its border with the neighbouring village of Abarán. It is located about 30 minutes from Blanca's town center and can only be reached on foot. However, the access road is practically flat and easy to walk in. The relief of the site is gentle mountain ranges. In spring and autumn, temperatures range between 10 and 25 degrees. Rains are infrequent and the climate is mainly sunny, although it is normal for there to be a week of rain during the month of April and/or October. The soils that make up the relief are clayey and sandy, with a wide range of colors caused by different minerals in the area. Salt accumulates in a dry river bank that runs through this site, mainly before the rainy season. The night skies are clear and ideal for astronomy fans. As for fauna, there are wild boars in nearby areas, but it is rare to see them during the day.

Possible topics

Erosion / Sedimentation
Ritual spaces
Silence
Body in landscape
Borders



Photos / Giuliana Grippo



Accommodation and Studio Spaces

We offer two possibilities for housing: a set of **private apartments** adjacent to our main building, Centro Negra, and an **shared house** in the center of town. The apartments have a terrace for common use with direct access to our studio spaces. The house has five bedrooms, three bathrooms and a kitchen with a living room. It is located in the center of the town so it has excellent access to all shops and services.

Shared house



Centro Negra is the main building of AADK Spain and functions as a work area and exhibition space. It is located on the side of the mountain, under an old Moorish castle from the 12th century, and **can only be reached on foot**. Its architecture recovers old poultryards for animals and small houses from the beginning of the 20th century. It preserves original stone walls and mountain rocks. Currently, the building is made up of 6 different and interconnected spaces. Each of them is unique in its scale and morphology.

Studio in Centro Negra



Who can apply

Artists and creative from all related disciplines who want to think and work on the proposed axes. No age limit. Individual or collective projects

What is included

- Accommodation
- Outdoor workspace
- Workspace in Centro Negra
- Basic technical equipment
- Individual mentoring
- Documentation of your work
- Visibility on digital platforms by AADK Spain

How to apply

Complete our online application at <https://aadk.es/calendario-de-convocatorias/>
Please note that you must include a PDF (Max. 10MB) with the following information:

- CV
- Portfolio (in case of audiovisual works, attach the corresponding links)

Which are the fees

Costs will depend on the length of your stay and the type of accommodation you prefer (individual apartment or shared house).

Residence with room in Shared house:

- **2 weeks: €400**
- **1 month: €750**

Residence with accommodation in private apartment:

- 2 weeks: 500€
- 1 month: 1000€

**Please note that we are a Non-Profit Organization and these costs go towards keeping our infrastructure running.*

***In the case of artistic collectives, costs may vary. Check our Terms and Conditions on our website.*

For more information you can write to info@aadk.es





Community & Coexistence

Those who wish to participate in the project should keep in mind that in addition to its Residencies, AADK Spain carries out another series of programs and activities that involve local, national and international participants. We consider all of them, as well as our artists in residence, participants of a temporary and shared community, where everyone commits to give their best in pursuit of a harmonious coexistence in a small town. Artists in residence are warmly invited to take part in our activities throughout their stay.

Likewise, they should be aware that given the morphology of the building, closed workspaces are not possible. We invite you to take on this challenge as an opportunity to be in touch with the creative processes of other participants.

In case you have any particular needs regarding housing or ways of working, it may be indicated in your application. The AADK Spain team will take it into account when assigning your home and study.



Photo/ Tracey Tomtene





Location & Context

AADK Spain is located in the town of Blanca, which is part of the Ricote Valley. The origins of the region go back to the beginning of the VIII century, in the time of the Muslim conquest of the Iberian Peninsula.

Blanca has a little more than 6,000 inhabitants and it extends onto the banks of the Segura River. The town was founded in the thirteenth century by Arab settlers. It was initially known as "Negra" and believed to be due to the dark color of the land on the mountain nearby. It is surrounded by a mountain range and an extensive area of pine forests. From its highest cliffs, one can perceive the contrast between the intense green of the valley and its surroundings, which describes a dystopian landscape of large semi-desert zones colliding with areas of intensive agricultural exploitation.

The capital of the province, Murcia, is located just 40 km from Blanca.




Photo/ Anders Bigum


Latitud: 38.1792, Longitud: -1.3762 38° 10' 45"
Norte, 1° 22' 34" Oeste.
Superficie de Blanca, 8.732 hectáreas





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Collaboration

