# CALL FOR ARTISTS

## *Inspired By* Artist in Residence Program at Taliesin West

*Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation · Scottsdale, Arizona*

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The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation invites emerging and mid-career artists in any creative field to apply for a two-week residency at Taliesin West in Scottsdale, Arizona.

This residency invites artists to immerse themselves in the historic site, the winter camp and desert laboratory of visionary architect Frank Lloyd Wright and the Taliesin Fellowship. Artists are asked to explore the site, its history, and the surrounding landscape, and respond to their experience through the creation of new works.

Residents will share their creative practice and process with our staff through an internal presentation event during their stay and are welcome to subsequently submit proposals for a future exhibition as part of our ***Inspired By*** **Artist in Residence Series**.

Each residency cycle provides one participant with a private furnished living quarter and site and grounds access for a two-week residency to be inspired by Taliesin West and begin the process of creating new work.

Through this program, the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation keeps the legacy of daily creativity and experimentation alive on-site, cultivating a growing local and national community and providing a deeper understanding of

> **Our Vision**; a better world shaped by Frank Lloyd Wright's legacy and ideas, inspiring how we live, learn, and build.
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> **Our Mission**; We connect people to the continued relevance of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural legacy; we preserve the buildings, landscapes, and collections of Taliesin and Taliesin West; and we advance the impact of architecture and design.
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> We embrace Wright's philosophy and transform it into actions for a thriving future.

## Contact:

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## Details:

- Location: Taliesin West, Scottsdale, AZ
- Duration: 2-Week Residency
- Number of Residents Per Term: Varies
- Companions Allowed: None

## Residency Goal:

To be inspired by the site and begin the process of creating new work, toward an exhibition of artworks at Taliesin West.

## Residency Terms:

February - June 2027

## Application Deadline:

December 31, 2026

## Eligibility:

- Open to applicants legally able to work in the United States.
- Applicants must be able to pass a thorough background check. Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation does not discriminate in its programs and activities on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or disability.
- Applicants must be 18 or older.

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## Selection Criteria:

The Foundation employs annual themes for its programming, research, and outreach. The residents should also be working within the annual theme for the year of their exhibition. **This is the core criteria for selection**.

Artist residency does not have to occur during stated theme duration. Artists could be in residence and working toward a future theme.

The themes employed by the Foundation are:

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| Nature, Landscape, and the Environment: | August 2026 - December 2028 |
| Wright and Modernity: | January 2027 - December 2029 |
| International Wright: | January 2029 -July 2031 |
| Technology and Innovation: | January 2031 - July 2033 |

## Additional Criteria for Selection:

- Strength of application during stated theme duration.
- Essay content
- Site alignment
- Quality of work samples
- References
- Interview

## Supported Disciplines:

- Visual Artists working in two or three dimensional media of any kind
- Depending on your preferred material usage, we will assign an appropriate workspace.

## Expenses Paid by Resident:

- Travel to the site
- Ground transportation while in Scottsdale
- Supplies
- Liability Insurance
- Food and other daily essentials

## Expenses Paid by The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation:

- Housing and utilities

## Residency Setting:

The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation provides a living space and working space for the two-week stay at Taliesin West.

The site itself is private and rustic. The historic buildings are set on a 500-acre Sonoran Desert preserve, with roughly 10 acres of buildings concentrated in the historic core. Parts of the site are protected under a UNESCO World Heritage inscription, and the entire site is a National Historic Landmark.

Auto transportation while in Scottsdale is highly recommended, as vehicles are not available to borrow from the site. Taliesin West is outside of town in a gated property, and accessible by rideshare and taxi, but not public transportation.

The residence offers the following:

- Private Living Quarters with en-suite restroom facilities, kitchenette, and designated parking space.
- Wi-Fi
- In-suite Kitchenette
- Shared Washer/Dryer
- Swimming Pool
- Hiking Trails
- Exclusive access to Frank Lloyd Wright Library, Collections, and Archives
- Complimentary admission to programs and tours happening during the site stay

## About Frank Lloyd Wright and Taliesin West:

https://franklloydwright.org/frank-lloyd-wright/

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## HOW TO APPLY

Due to the limits of our application software, applications must be completed in a single sitting. Please do not begin your application and then navigate away from the page. If this happens, please email us at InspiredBy@franklloydwright.org for assistance.

Collect the following information before you begin your application:

- Name, address, phone number, email address, and link to your website or digital portfolio
- Name of your artistic discipline.
- Preferred residency dates.
- Artist Bio: a short paragraph highlighting your background and practice, 150 words maximum.
- Artist Statement: description of your current ideas, themes, and methods, 300 words maximum.
- Work statement / proposal: description of your plan for work during the residency and how Taliesin West's setting and resources support that work, 300 words maximum.
- Samples document – still images: A single document showcasing 5-8 images of your work, with title, medium, and year included. Size Limit: 16mb.

- Samples document – moving images: A single document listing any video or moving image works, with live links to where they can be viewed in their entirety. For each piece, share title, medium, and year it was created. Size Limit: 16mb.
- CV or Resume: Two-page CV or resume upload. Size Limit: 16mb.

**Once collected, apply online at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VAIR**