



Federal Foreign Office

OPEN CALL

One artist based in Namibia for a visual arts residency in Leipzig

The Federal Foreign Office and LIA-Leipzig International Art Programme would like to invite an artist from Namibia to apply for a three months residency exchange in Leipzig Germany August to October 2025.

The Leipzig International Art Programme (LIA) is an international artist in residency programme located at the Spinnerei Leipzig (www.spinnerei.de), a former cotton mill and now cultural hub. LIA focuses on being a place for experiment and learning within a strong local artist community and a city rich of traditions. Local and international artists have an impact on each other while exchanging cultural experiences they are shifting the gaze. The founder of LIA, Anna-Louise Rolland, states, “at LIA, we believe that moving outside of our comfort zone leads to new perspectives opening up. International visual artists working together with professional musicians, public space and institutions like museums fits perfectly into this philosophy and this type of collaboration leads to new approaches being developed and new kinds of artistic exchanges taking place”.

Key information

- free accommodation in an 83 square meter furnished studio incl. curated group show in the residency
- coverage of travel and flight, visa and health insurance costs
- fellowship 800,00 € per month
- curatorial advice by LIA director Anna-Louise Rolland
- group show 13th/14th September 2025 during the Spinnerei Gallery Tour
- residency dates: August 4th - October 30th 2025

Please note the artist must speak a comprehensible English and must be based in Namibia. The residency does not include any further fees or stipends. For more detailed information about the services provided by LIA please visit <https://liap.eu/index.php/en/application/>. Additional information about the artist studios at the Spinnerei Leipzig is given in this short video: www.monocle.com/film/culture/leipzig-s-artist-studios/

Applications must comprise the following and be wrapped into one pdf file only:

- An expression of interest (500 words max.) explaining for example the project you wish to develop during the residency or research you would like to do and what interests you about working at the Spinnerei Leipzig, **important notice:** The project must have a reference to the current debate on colonial past and/or restitution. Please also express how you would like to reference your stay in Leipzig to the Namibian public when you have returned.
- A CV or biography stating the number of years of professional art practice, your exhibitions and educational background
- Up to 6 images of your work or video/audio links
- The specification of the subject matter line of your e-mail so we can file you correctly: Open Call Namibia

Applications must be in English and sent as one single pdf file to: marina.diaz@liap.eu, assistent@liap.eu, **application deadline: 22nd May 2025, 12 pm noon European Central Time**, successful applicants will be notified latest by 1st June 2025.