

OPEN CALL

One visual arts residency in Leipzig / Germany

on reflections on the history of Herrnhut missionaries (Moravian Church) in Tanzania

The LIA-Leipzig International Art Programme would like to invite an artist from Tanzania for a **three months residency exchange in Leipzig Germany, November 2025 - January 2026**. This programme, funded by the Federal Foreign Office, seeks to encourage artistic and societal engagement with the history and contemporary relevance of Moravian missionaries to Tanzania, originating from Herrnhut, Germany.

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 10th January 2026 during the Spinnerei Rundgang/ Gallery Tour www.spinnerei.de
- residency dates: November 3rd, 2025, to January 29th, 2026

Please note the artist must speak a comprehensible English and must be based in Tanzania. 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 the project you wish to develop during the residency or research you would like to do and what interests you would follow working at LIA.
Important notice: The project idea needs to address the shared past of Tanzania and Germany, specifically the history, role, impact and/or today’s relevance of the Moravian Church in Tanzania, which embarked from Herrnhut, Germany, for missionary work worldwide. – Please also express how you would like to reference your stay in Leipzig to the Tanzanian public and to contribute to societal engagement with this part of history and contemporary life in Tanzania, once you 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 Tanzania**”

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