

Frequently Asked Questions About the Jingdezhen Artist Residency

If you're a painter, ceramic artist, sculptor, visual artist, art teacher, or even a craft trader, this program might be just what you need. I often meet artists from all over the world who are interested in staying, working, and living in Jingdezhen, but they have a lot of questions. So, I've put together some of the most common ones and answered them for you in this video. Hopefully, this will save you time, cut costs, and open up more business opportunities!

1. Why do so many artists choose to stay in Jingdezhen?

Jingdezhen is a fantastic place for visual artists to thrive. Here's why:

- Thriving trade markets – The city has over a dozen major ceramic trade centers filled with both retail and wholesale opportunities, offering artists a great platform to sell their work.
- Strong artistic community – With six art-focused colleges and universities, Jingdezhen is home to a vibrant and creative atmosphere, making it easy to connect with fellow artists.
- Rich cultural heritage – As the world's porcelain capital for over a thousand years, the city attracts artists, designers, and craftspeople from across the globe, offering a wealth of networking opportunities.
- Shared studio spaces – There are over 100 open-access ceramics studios here, equipped with everything you need. Instead of setting up your own factory or buying expensive equipment, you can just rent a workspace and start creating.

Diverse sales channels – Beyond online selling, there are four well-known flea markets where artists can set up low-cost booths, making it easy to start small and grow.

2. Who is this residency program for?

This program is open to professionals, hobbyists, and even art students looking to gain hands-on experience. It's especially great for:

- Painters, sculptors, ceramic artists, and new media creators
- Freelancers looking for market opportunities
- Art educators wanting to run workshops
- Traders and collectors searching for high-quality ceramics

Our residency program helps foreign artists settle in, find studio spaces, and get soft-landing support to integrate into Jingdezhen's creative scene more smoothly.

3. What makes the Jingdezhen artist residency unique?

The biggest highlight of this program is the city's one-of-a-kind ceramic ecosystem:

- A diverse, international artist community – Meet and collaborate with like-minded creatives.
- A vast supply chain – Whether you're producing custom pieces or sourcing bulk ceramics, you'll find everything you need here.
- Multiple exhibition and sales channels – You'll have access to both online and offline selling opportunities.

4. How long can I stay?

The minimum stay is 30 days, and the maximum is 6 months. Most artists choose to stay between 1 to 6 months, depending on their needs.

5. How many artists can join each year?

In 2025, we have spots available for:

- Ceramic artists – 12 spots
- Painters (oil, printmaking, etc.) – 8 spots-
- Sculptors (clay, ceramic carving, etc.) – 5 spots
- New media artists (photography, video, film) – 2 spots

6. What does the residency fee cover?

The fee includes:

- Accommodation (apartment or hostel)
- Studio access (shared workspaces with full equipment)
- Basic food supplies (rice, flour, bread, meat, vegetables, oil, seasonings, etc.)
- Social and artistic networking events
- Opportunities to showcase your work in local exhibitions and markets

7. Can I stay longer?

Yes, you can apply for an extended stay. We can help you arrange accommodations for 1 to 12 months, but you' ll need to apply in advance.

8. How much does it cost?

- \$750–900 per month (depending on the season, trade fair periods, and rental costs)
- Lower-cost months: March–April, June, November
- Higher-cost months: February, May, October (ceramic trade fair season), July–August (peak season)

9. What extra costs should I budget for?

Residency participants should also budget for:

- Round-trip airfare
- Meals, shopping, and travel outside of provided basics
- Exhibition booth fees (if you want to showcase your work)
- Kiln firing fees (beyond the free quota)

10. Are there scholarships or sponsorships available?

- Some corporate sponsors fund scholarship spots every year, but applications need to be submitted early.
- If you join our media collaboration project, you can earn free residency time! For example:
 - 2 months of social media collaboration = 1 free month of residency
 - 4 months of collaboration = 2 free months of residency

11. How do I apply?

Submit your application at least 30 days in advance through our official website. You'll need to provide:

- An online application form with your contact details
- A resume or self-introduction
- Your goals for the residency – why do you want to come to Jingdezhen?
- 10 images or videos of your work
- Links to your social media or personal website
- Three letters of recommendation

After approval, there is a non-refundable \$98 membership fee. For more details, visit our website.

12. Can I sell my artworks in Jingdezhen?

Yes! Here are three ways to do it:

- Run your own online shop (Etsy, Instagram, TikTok, etc.)
- Sell through our online store (20% commission applies)

-Join local markets or exhibitions – we can help you secure a booth

13. What' s daily life like in Jingdezhen?

-Transportation – Buses and taxis are available, with taxi fares starting at \$1.

-Living costs – Reasonable prices; expect to spend around \$750–900 per month.

-Social scene – The city has a lively art community with plenty of events, markets, and networking opportunities.

14. Do people speak English in Jingdezhen?

Most locals don' t speak English, but translation apps can help with basic communication. Our team speaks English and can assist you with daily life here.

15. Can I legally work in China?

-A work visa is needed for formal employment, but it' s difficult to obtain.

-If you' re an independent artist selling ceramics, doing freelance work, or creating content, a tourist visa is usually fine.

16. Any tips for applicants?

-Apply early to give yourself enough time to prepare.

-Set clear goals – Are you coming to learn, create, or sell your work?

-Pick the right season – Avoid peak months to save money.

17. How can I contact you?

You can reach us via email, WhatsApp, or through our website.

I hope this Q&A helps! If you have any other questions, drop a comment below, send us an email, or contact us on WhatsApp. Looking forward to seeing you in Jingdezhen!



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