

Jingdezhen Artists-in-Residence Sponsored Program

Create. Exchange. Evolve.

Welcome to the World's Porcelain Capital

Located in Jingdezhen, China—the internationally acclaimed center of porcelain craftsmanship—the Artists-in-Residence Sponsored Program offers visual artists from around the world a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in a culturally rich and creatively stimulating environment. Whether you are an emerging artist or an established practitioner, this program provides the time, space, and support needed to advance your work and engage in meaningful cultural exchange.

Program Overview

Our residency is designed to offer artists the uninterrupted time and dedicated facilities required for deep creative exploration and development. Participants receive comprehensive support, including:

- - Studio space & tools
- - Shared housing
- - Basic materials & firings
- - Community engagement activities

We welcome artists in ceramics, photography, painting, sculpture, and new media. Applications are open year-round. This program suits professionals, hobbyists, and students seeking hands-on experience.

Residency Duration & Fees

- Length: 4 to 6 weeks
- Cost: \$750 – \$1125 per session (Waived for selected sponsored participants)
- Period: January 1 – December 31, 2025

Our 1,000 sqm studio includes glazing, firing, exhibition, and resting areas. We collaborate with local universities and studios to support your artistic journey.

Housing & Studio Space

Participants will be accommodated in furnished apartments and provided with access to well-equipped studio spaces. Options include private studios for individual work and shared living spaces with communal kitchens. To secure your preferred housing setup, we strongly recommend early booking.

- - Private studios
- - Furnished apartments with shared kitchens

Early booking is advised for preferred housing.

Application Process

Applicants are encouraged to submit their materials at least two months before their intended start date. All required documents should be complete and submitted through our online platform. This includes:

- - Online form
- - Resume/CV + short bio
- - Statement of purpose
- - Portfolio (10 images/videos)
- - 3 references
- - \$98 non-refundable fee
- - Passport-style photo & passport scan
- - Academic certificate proof
- - Social media/website links

Residency Quotas 2025

- 12 Ceramic Artists
- 12 Painters
- 5 Sculptors
- 2 New Media Artists

Daily Life & Community

- Groceries and food supplies available at fixed prices
- Residents can cook or dine out
- Community events and exhibitions participation encouraged

Studio Rules

- - Art creation only in designated areas
- - Quiet hours after 7 PM
- - No smoking or alcohol
- - Kiln usage requires approval and self-payment
- - Artists are responsible for equipment damage

Selling Artwork

Artists in residence have the opportunity to sell their creations through our curated livestream sales platform, which is managed in partnership with experienced local staff. This collaborative approach allows residents to reach collectors and buyers within China. A 50% commission rate applies. Unsold works may either be shipped home or left with our team in Jingdezhen to continue marketing and sales efforts on your behalf.

Included in the Sponsored Program

- - Fully equipped shared studio
- - Clay, glazes, tools
- - Shared apartment housing
- - Air-conditioned studios

Residency Requirements

At the conclusion of the residency, artists are required to contribute 50% of their finished artworks to ChineseSources.org. These donated works serve to enrich our cultural archive and support ongoing exhibitions and educational outreach. Our selection committee evaluates applications based on artistic vision, technical skill, and the potential for cultural contribution.

Selection criteria include:

- Artistic quality
- Unique technical skills or cultural perspectives
- Communication ability
- Minimum 2 years of visual arts experience

Living in Jingdezhen

- Food materials: estimated at \$400 for 4 weeks, including staples such as rice, vegetables, bread, and meats

- Optional cooking services: available at an additional \$400 for 4 weeks
- Transportation within the city is convenient and economical—taxis start at approximately \$1 USD, and public buses are reliable
- Jingdezhen offers a vibrant social scene with artist meetups, cultural events, and weekly markets

Other Costs (Self-paid)

- - International airfare
- - Local travel & attractions
- - Personal expenses
- - Booth/exhibition fees
- - Additional kiln firings

Freelance & Teaching Opportunities

- - Teach pottery or art workshops
- - Sell works via our platforms

Residency Duration & Extension

Minimum: 30 days | Maximum: 6 months

Extensions available—apply early.

Seasons in Jingdezhen

Busy: April–August, October

Slow: January–March, September, November–December

FAQ Highlights

- Reapply next year if declined due to sponsorship limits
- Selling through livestreams and local markets allowed
- English is limited locally—translation support provided
- Tourist/business visas acceptable for artists

Tips for First-Time Applicants

- - Apply early to secure dates


- - Set clear goals: learn, create, or sell
- - Avoid peak seasons for better availability
- - Use VPN; prepare Alipay/WeChat Pay access





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