I. Purpose

Established in 2022, "Surfy Space" is operated by the "Hyperwave" art group and situated in Luodong, Yilan, adjacent to Luodong Night Market and the train station. This area teems with commerce and culture. With a contemporary art perspective, Surfy Space aims to host domestic and international artists, curators, and cultural workers, facilitating residencies, discussions, exhibitions, local research, and creation. Through these activities, we seek to create a platform that connects local and international community networks. Our approach is transnational and interdisciplinary, aiming to expand the scale and depth of Surfy Space in the field of contemporary art while encouraging more outstanding artists to participate and explore the infinite possibilities of art.

Surfy Space has successfully established agreements with various art institutions in Kyoto, Japan; Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; Singapore; and France. These agreements involve bilateral cultural exchanges and residencies conducted for two years at a time. Surfy Space not only serves as a residency location but also as a recommending institution for Taiwanese artists to collaborate with international platforms.

The Surfy Space Art Residency project, guided by the direction of the team and space operation, acts as a base for artistic practice and a node connecting domestic and international art platforms. For Surfy Space, continuous dialogue and exchange are essential for envisioning the future. Thus, in addition to hosting artists from around the world in Yilan, we also see Yilan as a transit station to various parts of the world, sending more artists to different art fields and jointly creating a healthy art ecosystem.

II. Application Types

International Visiting Residency

III. Application Instructions

The International Visiting Residency aims to support cultural workers from both domestic and international locations, including artists, curators, researchers, professionals from various fields, student creators, etc., to come to Luodong, Yilan, Taiwan, to promote cultural exchange and artistic dialogue.

(1) Residency Schedule: A maximum of 2 months in total. Please prioritize the residency periods you can accommodate, and the team will evaluate the arrangements.

2024: August-September, October-November.

2025: January-February, March-April, May-June, July-August, October-November.

(2) Creative Fields: Artists of all types, curators, cultural researchers, interdisciplinary industry professionals, etc.

(3) Residency Location: Surfy Space

(4) Eligibility:

Non-Republic of China nationals over 20 years old (those who do not hold a Republic of China national identity card).

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Applicants can be individuals or groups, but due to living space considerations, it is recommended to apply as a team of no more than two people, and members cannot be replaced after application.

The space is particularly family-friendly. If needed, family members can accompany the resident during the residency period, but the subsidy remains the same.

The space also welcomes student creators for residency once a year.

(5) Subsidies:

Accommodation during the residency period, including bedrooms, private bathrooms, and kitchens.

Workspace during the residency period, including a work balcony.

Daily living allowance of 500 New Taiwan Dollars.

Subsidy for international applicants' airfare, up to 25,000 New Taiwan Dollars. For domestic applicants, a subsidy is provided for one round trip between their place of residence and Surfy Space (limited to public transportation).

Provision of space for creative presentations or cultural exchanges during the residency period, to be coordinated and planned by the resident and the team.

Assistance in irregular exchanges with other local cultural institutions in Taiwan during the residency period.

(6) Residency Notes:

Encouraged but not limited to residency projects related to the local area of Yilan.

At least one public event must be held during the residency period, in any form.

Residents must participate in at least one Surfy Space annual exhibition (group exhibition) organized by the "Hyperwave" team. Additional creative subsidies will be provided to those who personally set up exhibitions.

The actual residency period must not be less than 2/3 of the applied time.

IV. Application Procedure

- (1) Only online applications will be accepted. Please send the application materials to hyperwave.mit@gmail.com, with the subject line "Application for 2024-2025 Surfy Space Residency Selection_Your Name," and complete the online application by 11:59:59 PM Taipei time on April 26, 2024 (Friday). Failure to complete the online application by the above deadline will be considered overdue and will not be accepted.
- (2) Applicants must submit a resume, portfolio, and residency project proposal (the proposal should include the project title, motivation for applying, project concept, execution method, etc., within 2 pages of A4). Chinese versions only are required for domestic applicants, while both Chinese and English versions are required for international applicants. For group applicants, the application should be made under the group name, and each member's name, resume, and collective cooperation or creation experience should be integrated into one document.
- (3) For inquiries, please contact via email: hyperwave.mit@gmail.com.

V. Selection Mechanism

- (1) Selection Direction: Encourage projects with local relevance and experimental, forward-looking directions. The applicants' experiences, works, and presentation methods will also be considered.
- (2) Adopt an "open selection" approach, inviting 2-3 arts-related professionals to form a selection committee to conduct selection work according to the actual selection items. Selection committee members may not accept external requests to ensure the objectivity and fairness of the evaluation, and they may not review applications directly related to themselves. To maintain the independence and objectivity of the selection meeting and respect the privacy rights of applicants, the selection process will not be made public.
- (3) The selection committee will select up to 30 candidates based on the selection criteria, and then select 7 candidates who meet the schedule arrangement according to the availability. After coordination with the selected candidates, the residency period will be confirmed. If any selected candidate cannot accommodate the residency period, substitutes will be selected accordingly.

VI. Announcement of Results

(1) The final selection results will be announced on the official website and social media of "Hyperwave" in mid-May 2024, and individual notifications will be sent to the final selected candidates via email. Applicants who are not accepted and those who are not included in the review process due to reasons will not be notified separately.

- (2) The final selected candidates must sign an agreement with the "Hyperwave" team and complete the residency project as scheduled within one month after receiving the selection notification.
- (3) If a selected candidate is unable to execute the residency project due to unforeseen circumstances, they must notify the "Hyperwave" team one week before signing the agreement. Failure to sign within the stipulated period will be considered automatic forfeiture.
- (4) If there is any reason to terminate the residency project, the selected candidate must notify the "Hyperwave" team within one week of the residency date, obtain approval after evaluation by the team, and complete the procedure for termination of the agreement.

VII. Important Matters

- (1) Applicants should ensure that their works and project proposals do not infringe upon the copyrights of others. If the execution team suffers damage or joint compensation claims due to the aforementioned circumstances, the applicant shall bear all legal and compensation responsibilities for the team.
- (2) Selected candidates are responsible for handling national visas, travel, and medical insurance matters, and bear related expenses. They may not request the "Hyperwave" team to handle or bear them on their behalf.
- (3) Selected candidates may not participate in residencies at other units during the residency period.
- (4) The "Hyperwave" team reserves the right to change and interpret the contents of this document. In the event of force majeure such as natural disasters, wars, or serious infectious diseases affecting the residency period, adjustments and corresponding measures may be taken.