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## General Information of island6 Arts Center Residence Program

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### Short Introduction of island6 Arts Center

**island6 Arts Center** is located inside the **m50 factories** complex on Moganshan Rd, home to many of Shanghai's contemporary arts spaces.

Set up as an arts center in Paril 2006, **island6** is an artist-founded, artist-run not-for-profit organization governed by voluntary staff, funded independently of any government. Its purpose is to support young and emerging artists from all over the world and encourage collaboration between local and foreign artists.

### Short description of the residence program

Since May 2006, **island6** has exhibited 198 artists from 21 different countries, sponsored 119 resident artists, organized 39 exhibitions and helped in the creations of 1900 art projects.

**island6 Arts Center Residence Program** provides artists, musicians, writers, architects, curators, art critics, performers and designers with an opportunity to live and create work in Shanghai.

**island6 Arts Center Residence Program** provide a platform for foreign and local individuals of different age and backgrounds to do experimentation and collaboration with a focus on new media.

### Discipline(s) and media

- Visual arts
- Sculpture
- Music
- Performing arts
- New Media
- Art Criticism
- Curatorial research

### Duration of residencies

No shorter than 4 weeks.

## Grants

Unfortunately, no funding is available from China.  
Most artists in residence have been supported by their home countries.

## Expenses paid by participants of residence program

**island6** still doesn't receive subventions of any kind.  
All participants of the residence program are required to cover the costs of living, accommodation, specific assistance, studio, materials and all traveling.

## Applications

**island6** is open for all applicants, there are no application deadlines.

## Selection of Participants

The applicants are selected by **island6 Arts Center**.

All applications should be sent to [contact@island6.org](mailto:contact@island6.org)  
Each application should include:

- CV of the applicant
- Project proposal
- Intended period of stay
- Digital portfolio

**island6 organization functions as both a production studio and a gallery to exhibit artwork.**

## The Gallery Space

The gallery space - **island6 Gallery** – covering 930 sqm is one of the biggest gallery spaces in m50; it provides artists with more than 500 sqm of exhibition space, is opened daily to the public and is suitable to display artwork of all type of medium, including video projections, life performances and large installations.

**island6 Arts Center** organizes an exhibition every 45 – 60 days.  
Each exhibition has a specific theme chosen by a guest curator. Local artists and artists in residence are invited to work on this theme. By the end of the process, the curator will evaluate each work made by local or resident artists and do the selection for the exhibition. The choice of the artwork will depend on merit, talent and personal investment of each artist.

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**island6 Arts Center studio provides artists with following conveniences:**

The studio covers a surface of 200 sqm.

The studio is self-contained with: phone, heating, Internet connection (You have to bring your own Laptop), furnishings and kitchen.

The common workshop (for the permanent resident artists only) is equipped with: computers, CNC engraving and cutting machines, photo mounting facilities, video room, photo lighting equipment, silk screen tools, stainless steel welding facilities, wood work tools, electronics circuitry plus access to local factories.

**island6 Arts Center** provides technical consultancy to help with the creation of the work.

**island6 Arts Center** helps you with translation, research and communication.

**island6 Arts center** will help you to find an appropriate collaborator from your field of work or complimentary field.

**island6** has strong ties with local newspapers, magazines, TV channels and various creative associations.

**island6 Arts Center from participants of residence program expects:**

- Professional attitude towards the space, facilities and people involved.
- Hard work - from 10 – 19.00; from the first day you arrive till the end of the residency.
- Involvement in **island6** gallery & studio space promotion and orderly maintenance.
- Collaboration with one or more local artist(s).
- Completion of at least one new artwork (of any media).

**Accommodation**

Fully furnished service apartment with Internet access.

Each self-contained apartment has a lounge room, kitchen and small bathroom, including washing machine, air conditioner/heating, fridge and Internet connection.