

About 2024 Studio Artist Application

At the Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park (SCCP), we conduct an Artist-in-Residence program, providing a creative space for aspiring and accomplished ceramic artists with extensive knowledge and activity records, as well as artists. Since 1992, this Artist-in-Residence program has hosted over 1,500 artists from 55 countries.

Here are the details for the recruitment of Studio artists for the upcoming 2024.

Studio Artist Application Process

1. Number of Accepted Applicants: 10 people, The number of studio artists accepted may vary.
2. Eligible Age: Applicants must be at least 20 years old at the time of application.
3. Residency Period: 2024/4/2~2025/3/30 (yyyy/mm/dd)

During the above-mentioned period, a minimum of 2 months to less than 1 year. However, if you wish to stay for less than 2 months, please provide your reasons in the 'Please write down anything else you would like to ask.'

* Please note that from December 29, 2024, to January 3, 2025, the facility will be closed for the winter break, and during this period, resident artists are required to temporarily vacate SCCP.

4. Application period

2023/9/1~10/31 (17:00 Japan time)

※If studio space becomes available through the initial recruitment, we may announce a second recruitment opportunity on our website at a later date.

5. Application Procedure:

We are accepting applications online. Please follow the instructions provided via the link below on this page to submit your application. If you plan to apply for both Studio Artist and Guest Artist positions, please submit separate applications through the respective links.

Application Guidelines:

- (1)The selection of Studio Artists will be based on the materials you submit. Please provide as much detail as possible.
- (2) When indicating your preferred residency period, please specify up to three residency period preferences.
- (3)All image files, such as portraits and artwork photos, must be in JPEG format. Please ensure that the file size is below 1.5MB.
- (4)For all data, including portraits, artwork photos, PDF files, etc., please use only alphanumeric characters, hyphens (-), underscores (_), and periods (.) in the file names.
- (5)Social media account information provided in the application materials will be linked on the SCCP website. If you do not wish for this information to be made public, you can leave it blank or mention it in the 'Please write down anything else you would like to ask.'

6. Accommodation Fees (As of April of 2023)

Accommodation:

Studio fee: 36,600 yen per month

Twin Room: 25,100 yen per month (if preferred)

Single Room: 19,300 yen per month (if preferred)

Bedding:

Bedding Set: 7,254 yen per month (if preferred, subject to change)

Please note that additional charges will apply at the end of each month or upon the conclusion of the stay if the Studio Artist chooses to use the air conditioner provided in the room.

7. Expectations for Studio Artists:

As a Studio Artist, we kindly request the following:

- Prior to concluding your stay, SCCP will ask to submit a report detailing the progress and outcomes of your creative activities throughout the residency program. You may present this information in a flexible data format, typically within one A4 page.
- Please make sure to take all your artworks, materials, and personal belongings with you when your stay concludes
- SCCP staff may photograph studio activities and artworks for record-keeping and promotional purposes. These images may be posted on SCCP's social media platforms but will not be utilized for commercial purposes without prior consent.
- Accommodation facilities are exclusively reserved for SCCP Resident Artists. We do not permit accommodations for individuals who do not fall under this category. However, we are open to considering arrangements for family members or partners participating in the residency program. Please specify this in the 'Please write down anything else you would like to ask.' section.
- Please be aware that during open hours at SCCP, studio visitors who have completed registration may tour the studio. Unauthorized entry by the general public into the studio and accommodation facilities is prohibited.
- SCCP observes closures on Mondays, and when a national holiday coincides with a Monday, we remain closed on the following Tuesday. Our standard operating hours are from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM, with a break from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- Please note that due to rising energy costs, there may be temporary disruptions in the availability of the studio's air conditioning. Furthermore, certain facilities may experience temporary unavailability due to construction or water supply interruptions. Your cooperation in helping us maintain our facilities is greatly appreciated.
- You may be requested to conduct lectures, workshops, and similar activities intended for the general public on certain occasions.
- There might be requests to donate specific artworks to SCCP.

8. Prohibited Actions

Studio and Guest Artists are required to fully comply with the following rules:

- (1) Refrain from smoking or using open flames outside of designated areas.
- (2) Avoid generating excessive noise, resorting to violence, or engaging in behaviors that may disrupt others.
- (3) Utilize the SCCP responsibly, adhering to sound management practices and ensuring cleanliness.
- (4) Refrain from engaging in any activities that are considered inappropriate for the effective operation of SCCP.

Application to Residency Process

- (1) **Application:** Upon receiving your application, an automated confirmation email will be promptly dispatched to the applicant. If, for any reason, you do not receive this confirmation email, we kindly ask that you contact air.shigaraki@sccp.jp for assistance.
- (2) **Selection:** The Studio Artist selection process is conducted by a committee comprised of a Studio artist selection committee.
- (3) **Notification of Results:** Results of the selection will be conveyed to applicants via email by December 28th, 2024.

- (4) Schedule Coordination: Upon approval as a Studio Artist, you will have a meeting with one the staffs at SCCP through email to arrange your schedule. Please be aware that due to studio and accommodation availability, your first-choice residency period may not always be accommodated.
- (5) Document Issuance: After the completion of your schedule arrangements, vital documents, including the 'Invitation Notice,' will be provided.
- (6) Beginning Your Residency: Each Studio Artist will start their stay according to the coordinated schedule. To ensure a seamless start, please aim to arrive at SCCP by 4:00 PM on your first day of residency.

If you encounter any inquiries or require clarification during the application process, please do not hesitate to contact us at the provided address. Additionally, we welcome inquiries from prospective Studio Artists, including any questions or requests related to studio visits.

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Please specify 'Artist-in-Residence Inquiry' in the subject line.