On September 4, Villa Medici launches its annual call for applications to select the sixteen fellows of the 2027–2028 cohort

Applications open from September 4 to October 16, 2026

VILLA MEDICI

An artists' residence, multidisciplinary art center and 7-hectare heritage site, the French Academy in Rome - Villa Medici welcomes more than **70 artists, creators, authors and researchers** each year for stays of varying lengths, including **16 Fellows in residence for one year.**

From **September 4 to October 16, 2026**, the French Academy in Rome opens a competition to select the sixteen Fellows who will spend 12 months at Villa Medici in Rome, starting in September 2027, for a residency of creation, experimentation and research.

The competition is open to **established artists, creators, authors and researchers**. There is no nationality requirement, but proficiency in French is required. Applications are accepted from **all artistic disciplines**, including, for example, musical and literary creation, architecture and design, plastic and visual arts, choreography, stage direction, art history and theory, or the restoration of works of art.

At the end of the competition (pre-selection based on a dossier, followed by an audition), **sixteen candidates** will be selected for a residency at Villa Medici **from September 2027 to August 2028.**

During their stay at Villa Medici, Fellows benefit from a grant, accommodation and workspace, as well as artistic and technical support from the Academy's staff. They are encouraged to participate in the collective life and artistic programming of Villa Medici and are regularly invited to meet art professionals from all horizons.

View of a studio apartment at Villa Medici

Apply

Applications must be uploaded between **Friday 4 September 2026 at 12:00 p.m. and Friday 16 October 2026 at 12:00 p.m. (noon, France Time Zone)**, on the following online platform:

https://concours-pensionnaires.villamedici.it/access/

Candidates must be over eighteen years of age on the day of the deadline for submission of applications.

The screening, interview and selection stages will be carried out by a selection board composed of eight people. At the end of the interviews, the selection board will deliberate and decide on the list of successful candidates. Fellows will be appointed for 12 months.

The rules of the process, application documentation and board report are available at the following link on the website of the French Academy in Rome – Villa Medici:

https://villamedici.it/en/programme_residence/open-call-fellows-annual-selection/

For further information on the selection process for Fellows, please contact us at residences@villamedici.it

Top left: view of a Fellow's apartment at Villa Medici. Bottom: Entrance to an apartment.
Right: view of Rome from a Fellow's studio.

The French Academy in Rome – Villa Medici

Founded in 1666 by King Louis XIV, it is a French institution that has been housed since 1803 at Villa Medici, a 16th-century villa surrounded by a seven-hectare park on Mount Pincio in the heart of Rome. A national public institution under the authority of the French Ministry of Culture, it fulfills three complementary missions: to welcome artists, creators, and art historians of the highest caliber in residence for long stays of one year or more; to set up a cultural and artistic program that integrates all fields of the arts and creation aimed at a broad public; to conserve, restore, study, and make its built and landscape heritage, as well as its collections, known to the public. French Academy in Rome – Villa Medici is directed by Sam Stourdzé.

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