

EXECAL Residence at La Becque 2021

FAQ

What is La Becque | Artists Residency?

Located on an exceptional slice of lakeside land on the shores of Lake Geneva between Vevey and Montreux, in proximity to all cultural and natural points of interest of Switzerland, La Becque | Artist Residency hosts and fosters the creativity of artists of all backgrounds and disciplines. Residents benefit from an exceptional site and infrastructure, conducive to accomplishing the project they have been selected for, whether it is focused on in-depth research or on production. La Becque offers state-of-the-art live and work infrastructure for creative residents. Its vast garden hosts a total of 8 fully-equipped live-and-work apartment, an additional 4 studios, a common workshop, library and an event/conference space, as well as several rooms intended to facilitate shorter-term stays and projects alongside longer residency stays. Last but certainly not least, the site offers direct swimming access to Lake Geneva, and stunning views of both the lake and the surrounding Alps.

More information: <https://labecque.ch/en/la-becque/>

What is the EXECAL Residence at La Becque?

The residency program EXECAL Residence at La Becque results from the partnership between ECAL/University of Art and Design Lausanne and La Becque. It aims at developing projects and promoting excellence in art and design education. During summer 2021, the EXECAL Residence at La Becque will offer three ECAL alumni the opportunity to each participate in a four-week residency to develop all or part of a project while benefiting from the unique infrastructure that the artists' residency has to offer.

How can I participate in the EXECAL Residence at La Becque program?

By submitting an application. The EXECAL Residence at La Becque 2021 call for applications is open from 2 December, 2020 to 17 January, 2021. More information and application form:

<https://ecal.ch/en/4121/ecal/partnerships/la-becque-ecal-execal-residences>

Who can apply to the EXECAL Residence at La Becque?

The call for applications is open to all ECAL alumni, coming from all disciplines, who graduated at least three years before the beginning of the residency programs at La Becque in summer 2021 (**i.e. applicants must have graduated in 2018 at the latest. Alumni who graduated in 2019 and 2020 must not apply**). Emerging as well as established artists are welcome to apply. Applicants must be professional in their field and strive for developing their practice.

Are there other residency programs available at La Becque?

Yes. La Becque has its own Principal Residency program and has also developed several partner residency programs (such as with Pro Helvetia). These other programs have their own rules and own juries. The EXECAL Residence at La Becque application criteria and guidelines as well as application form are only valid for the said Program.

What is the duration of the EXECAL Residence at La Becque?

The EXECAL Residence at La Becque programs offers three residencies of a duration of 4 weeks each. Other durations are in principle not possible.

When applying, candidates must select the time periods during which they can participate in the EXECAL Residence:

- 1 – 29 July, 2021
- 3 – 31 August, 2021
- 3 September - 1 October, 2021

Can I postpone my residency?

No. For organizational reasons ECAL and La Becque can't postpone residencies that were granted for the summer 2021.

Can duos, groups or collectives apply for a residency?

Yes. However, please bear in mind that the EXECAL Residence rewards a specific project, whatever the constitution of the applicant is, what is offered remains the same. Collective applications must take into consideration that their members will share infrastructure and financial resources (see below what "the EXECAL Residence includes").

How do I apply?

The applicant must:

- Submit the application **by 17 January, 2021, at 11:59pm CET**, via the following form: <https://www.ecal.ch/en/3944/>
- Compile all documentation in **a single PDF file of less than 10 MB**.
- **The file must be named as follows:** EXECAL Residence at La Becque 2021_Name First name.pdf

What do I need to submit?

Application requirements - Please send the following items in a single PDF file (in French or English):

- **Concept note about the residency project** - A brief concept note (ca. 500 words) about the project you would like to conduct at La Becque, be it a research or production phase, during the EXECAL residency program in summer 2021 as well as the reasons it would benefit from being specifically developed at La Becque.
Please note that La Becque "(...) dedicate particular attention to projects exploring the ever more intertwined notions of nature, the environment, and of technology. At the core of contemporary preoccupations and of growing urgency, these themes feed into all disciplines of the arts – and artists are among those best equipped to map out alternative relationships to both technology and nature."
- **Biography** - A brief professional biography (ca. 300 words).
- **Text about your practice** - Describe the concepts behind your works in a text that will help the jurors understand its themes and intentions (ca. 300 words).
- **A selection of 5 recent works** - A selection of five images/videos/recordings of recent works, each with a brief description. Videos/recordings must be uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo. Please include the appropriate links and passwords to the videos.
- **Copy of ECAL degree** - A copy of your ECAL graduation certificate (BA, MA or MAS). All applicants must have graduated from ECAL and have finished their studies at least 3 years before the beginning of the residency program at La Becque in summer 2021 (**i.e. applicants must have graduated in 2018 at the latest. Alumni who graduated in 2019 and 2020 must not apply**).

What is provided as part of the EXECAL Residence program at La Becque?

- Compensation of travel expenses up to 800.00 CHF (incl. round trip to and from Switzerland);
- A lump sum of 1500.00 CHF for the duration of the residency (4 weeks);
- Accommodation and workspace;
- Access to La Becque spaces and amenities;
- Guidance and coaching provided by La Becque's team;
- Potential participation in public events with ECAL and La Becque;
- Cross-promotion of the residency's resulting works on ECAL's and La Becque's communication channels.

Therefore, the EXECAL Residence at La Becque's program provides the opportunity for the selected residents to live and work on a unique site in La Tour-de-Peilz for the aforementioned period. Residents are provided with a live-work apartment for the time of their stay. Each apartment is 80sqm in size, with a fully equipped kitchen, own washer and dryer, separate bedroom and bathroom and a flexible main live-work space of approx. 40sqm, plus a terrace facing Lake Geneva and free access to the garden. A prototyping workshop, a library and a conference/event space are also at disposal.

What is required from residents during a residency?

Residents will be asked to abide by La Becque's house rules as well as by the terms of a General Agreement for the EXECAL Residence at La Becque. Residents are encouraged to interact with other residents and pertinent contacts provided by ECAL and La Becque. Residents will conduct regular, simple progress checks with the La Becque's team. They will have to provide a residency documentation and report upon completion of their stay.

Ahead of starting their residency and with prior consultation of ECAL and La Becque, residents will be responsible for their travel and visa arrangements, and for making sure they have valid health and accident insurance covering their stay in Switzerland.

Can I bring my family?

Yes. You can bring a partner and/or a child/children. Keep in mind however what we offer are the same means: same infrastructure and same financial resources. La Becque does not provide specific child care: children are the sole responsibility of the residents.

What language(s) is(are) spoken at La Becque?

Languages generally spoken at La Becque are English and French. A good command of English is a requisite in order to function well with our staff as well as with other residents during one's stay. French is a plus as it will help residents understand and navigate their immediate environment, but it is not a requisite criterion.

What does it cost to participate in the residency?

All costs that are not covered by the EXECAL Residence at La Becque are at the expense of the resident. As a reminder, the EXECAL Residence program covers the accommodation and workspace during 4 weeks, travel costs up to 800.00 CHF, a stipend of 1500.00CHF to help the resident cover its daily expenses, transportation costs and potential production costs.

How is my application reviewed?

Applications are first reviewed to make sure they fit the requirements outlined in the call for applications. Applications that fit requirements are then reviewed by a jury composed of 3 members from ECAL, La Becque and the EXECAL Association. Please note that the jury act in complete independence and their decisions cannot be overturned. The laureates will be informed by email in February 2021. The candidates whose application has not been selected will also be informed.

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