

International Germany Open Call

Martin Roth Initiative supports artists and cultural actors at risk

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The Martin Roth Initiative (MRI) is now accepting applications for fully funded, temporary relocation fellowships in Germany for artists and cultural actors at risk. This opportunity supports creatives whose work is under threat due to political, social, or cultural pressures in their countries of origin.

Deadline: August 29, 2025 (17:00 CEST)
Organiser: Martin Roth Initiative (MRI)
Who is it for? Artists and cultural workers at risk who wish to relocate to Germany and continue their work in a safe context.

Apply here

About the Fellowship

A fully funded relocation and fellowship programme designed to protect and support artists and cultural practitioners at risk. The Martin Roth Initiative facilitates a temporary safe stay in Germany in cooperation with a local host organisation, enabling participants to continue their artistic work and advocacy.

- Fellowships typically last 6–12 months and include support such as:
- Monthly scholarship and living stipend
- Accommodation assistance
- Visa and travel support
- Insurance and integration support
- Project collaboration with a German cultural institution

Each fellow is matched with a host organisation that provides both artistic collaboration and personal support throughout the stay.

Eligibility Criteria

Who can apply: Artists, writers, curators, performers, and cultural professionals from any country except citizens or permanent residents of EU/EEA countries, Australia, Canada, Israel, New Zealand, Switzerland, the UK, and the USA.

Applicants must:

- Be professionally active in the arts or culture sector
- Be experiencing threats, repression, or displacement due to their creative work
- Have recently left their home country (after February 28, 2025) or be currently unsafe where they reside
- Not hold citizenship, residency, or safe status in a safe country (e.g. dual nationals of EU or other excluded countries are not eligible)
- Be able to work in collaboration with a German host institution (basic communication/language skills required)
- Not have received MRI funding previously

For more information and to begin your application, please visit the Martin Roth Initiative official website.

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