

## Open Call for Young Curator Residency in Hong Kong

General Submission

Asia Society Switzerland announces an Open Call for a **3-months residency at Tai Kwun in Hong Kong**. The Open Call is aimed at young curators from Switzerland with at least 2 – 3 years of curatorial experience and a bachelor's degree in art or art history.

Through the exposure to an Asian culture and environment, Asia Society aims to inspire a deeper learning and cultural understanding in young curators and to contribute to their professional and personal development.

The successful candidate will receive active professional support navigating in particular the Hong Kong/Chinese and more broadly the Asian art scene and will be housed in a two room-apartment, including basic cleaning service, electricity and air con. Located in the heart of Hong Kong Island, Tai Kwun is neighboring with other important heritage sites in Central and Sheung Wan. The flight from Switzerland to Hong Kong and back, an allowance of HKD 10'000/month and a travel-grant for a thematic research trip will be provided. International insurances covering travel, health and liability is the responsibility of the participant.

During the residency, a curatorial project, such as a film screening, conversation or panel discussion will be organized in consultation with Tai Kwun's senior curators.

A short research trip to a city in the region (such as Bangkok, Taipei, Seoul, Shanghai, Beijing, Manila, Singapore or Jakarta) to conduct further thematic research and consolidation is an integral part of the residency program.

The Residency will take place between September 2021 and September 2022 (travel conditions permitting).

## How to apply

A complete application should contain the following:

- A brief letter of motivation outlining the applicant's interests and intentions during the residency, connection to Switzerland, and how the applicant intends to share their insights gained during the residency with audiences in Switzerland upon their return. (Max. 600 – 800 words.)
- A CV in which the applicant outlines his or her curatorial background.
- Images of work examples: Curatorial projects, exhibitions, project spaces or similar. (Up to five images, no larger than 2MB in total).

Conditions:

- 2 to 3 years of experience in curating projects and exhibitions and a bachelor's degree in art or art history
- Each applicant is able to submit one application only
- Applications must be written in English
- Applicants need to have a connection to Switzerland

The deadline for applying is **29 March 2021**. The application is **online**.

## Result announcement

Applications are evaluated based on the applicant's professional experience, conceptual strength and curatorial merit by an international jury including Tai Kwun's Head of Arts.

The jury will invite three finalists to explain how they will benefit from the residency and to present a recent project. Finalists are required to present a letter of recommendation from a professor, senior curator or museum director in English. Jury members are excluded from providing the reference.

The final candidate will be selected after the presentation.

## Background

**Asia Society Switzerland** is committed to exploring Asia's role in a multilateral world and to advancing the dialogue and strengthening partnerships among individuals and institutions in Switzerland and Asia. Across the fields of arts, culture, education and policy, we provide insights, promote collaboration and contribute to a deeper understanding of the most dynamic and fastest-growing region in the world.

Asia Society Switzerland is an independent Swiss foundation. We are a member of the global Asia Society family. Founded in 1956 in New York, Asia Society has developed into a thought leader on Asian issues, and a vibrant community of decision makers around the world. There are 13 independent centers spread across four continents – New York, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington D.C., Hong Kong, Manila, Melbourne, Mumbai, Seoul, Sydney, Tokyo and Zurich.

As the first Center in Europe, Asia Society Switzerland – founded in 2016 – provides a unique opportunity to become part of this global community, and to contribute to a meaningful dialogue that could shape our future. <https://asiasociety.org/switzerland>

**Tai Kwun** is Hong Kong's Centre for Heritage and Arts — a cultural destination for inspiration, stimulation and enjoyment. Tai Kwun aspires to offer the best heritage and arts experiences, and to cultivate knowledge and appreciation of contemporary art, performing arts and history in the community. Opened in May 2018 and operating on a not-for-profit model, Tai Kwun is the fruition of a joint partnership between The Hong Kong Jockey Club and the Government of the HKSAR to conserve and revitalise the buildings of the historic Central Police Station compound, which represents one of the most significant revitalisation projects in Hong Kong. <https://www.taikwun.hk/en/>

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