



Red Gate Residency

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Red Gate Residency is an international artist residency program, providing artists, curators, writers, and academics with the opportunity to live and create work in China. Our objective is to provide facilities for artists to easily start their projects and offer a community in which they can participate as much as they like.

As a member of RES ARTIS, the International Association of Residential Arts Centres, we are committed to the promotion of multicultural art dialogue within an immersion setting. Our program is managed on a not-for-profit basis by Red Gate Gallery. Participants are expected to cover the costs of living, studios, and accommodation whilst Red Gate provides all the necessary support to make your time here fruitful and enjoyable.

Red Gate Gallery is supporting the residency programs of Associação Cultural Videobrasil, Asia New Zealand Foundation, Arabian Wings, Cultural Forum of Austria, Chippendale Creative Precinct, Creative New Zealand, Davidoff Art Initiative, Goethe-Institut China, Khazanah Nasional Berhad and Red Mansion Foundation. In the past we have supported the Australia-China Council, Taipei artistvillage, and Ssamzie, Korea and are currently developing initiatives involving Singapore, Canada, the UK, Taiwan, Ireland and France.

Red Gate assists all participants to connect with the art scene, meet local Chinese artists and to source art materials. We provide the necessary support and encouragement to help you get the most out of your stay here. We help get you settled, show you around and tell you where and when the latest openings are. All residents are invited to Red Gate Gallery events at the historic Ming Dynasty Watchtower including private dinners after the openings.

Included in program pricing is the Red Gate Care Package which covers airport pickup, a welcome packet with everything from local maps, guide books, and a taxi guide, orientation, internet hook-up and local phone, as well as a welcome dinner for you to meet the other residents. In addition, we also keep you up to date on gallery openings and other occasions, by sending you invitations and emails.

Residents come from overseas by funding themselves or seeking funding from arts organizations in their own country. Though Red Gate covers the management and maintenance of all facilities, we are unable to cover the actual costs of renting or providing other forms of financial support, such as a stipend for living expenses, materials or airfare. As there is currently no funding available in China for initiatives like ours, we work with artists who can organize their own funds and or have received grants to cover their residency. In addition, we are partnered with multiple cultural organizations that have the interest and resources to send artists here. Applicants are encouraged to seek funding from relevant organizations in their own country. Once accepted, Red Gate will provide letters of support to assist with grant applications.

FACILITIES

Red Gate Residency Program has a number of available, ready to use, fully self-contained apartments and studio/lofts, offering residents accommodations in two unique locations in Beijing, China.

Bei Gao Studio/Loft Spaces

Red Gate's six studio/lofts are set in Feijiacun Village situated on the north side of Beijing. The site has been converted into a series of studios and apartments. On-site local galleries include Imagine Gallery. It is a congenial and fun environment where Chinese and foreign artists are living and working together. The community is enlivened by many informal activities and frequented by many visitors.

Each studio/loft is self-contained complete with local phone, internet, hot water, fridge, gas stove, bottled water, microwave, DVD, CD/Radio, washing machine, heating and air conditioning and adequate kitchen gear, furnishings and linen. Utilities and basic weekly cleaning are included. Each artist is given a bicycle to explore the neighboring small villages and more deeply immerse themselves in the local culture. Transportation is available by bike, bus and taxi. *Please note that this location is removed from the urban environment and will provide a more remote atmosphere and lifestyle. For taxi travel into the city please plan 30-40 minutes.

Downtown Tuanjiehu Apartments

Red Gate leases a number of modest one-bedroom apartments in Chinese housing on the east side of Beijing close to the embassy and business districts. These apartments are situated in very local neighborhoods allowing the residents to experience the traditional and modern flavors of Beijing; in many cases you will be the only foreigner on the block.

Each self-contained apartment has a lounge room, kitchen, and bathroom, with all amenities including fridge, bottled water, TV, DVD, CD/Radio, washing machine, air conditioner/heating, gas cooking facilities, hot water, linen, internet and local phone. Utilities and basic weekly cleaning are included.

More information regarding our residencies including facilities photos can be found on our website at www.redgategallery.com and photos from our current residencies can be found on our Facebook at www.facebook.com/redgateresidency

For current pricing details, please contact our Program Coordinator at

coordinator@redgateresidency.com

WHAT TO EXPECT

Before your arrival, we will coordinate your arrival details with you so that our driver and/or program coordinator can meet you at your arrival gate. We will greet you with a sign that reads “Red Gate Residency”. Free local calls can be made to Beijing cell phones from the information desk upon arrival.

Depending on the time of your arrival, we will either bring you straight to your accommodations and give you the orientation or meet you early next morning to show you around.

We will provide you with your residency handbook and a welcome packet. The residency handbook reviews all needed information for your accommodations. The welcome packet includes a transportation pass, city maps, taxi information, invitations to gallery openings, and many other useful sources of information. Please visit this link for various supplemental materials:

http://www.redgategallery.com/Artist_in_Residence/Documents/

If you choose, we will prepare for you a charged and ready to use Chinese mobile phone and SIM card, you will be responsible for its loss or damage and will reimburse us 100RMB for it. You will also receive an “Additional Resources list” by email, which includes information about where to buy your art supplies, where take Chinese lessons and how to hire an assistant.

At this time we will make sure you are able to access the wifi internet and answer any immediate questions that you may have and make sure that you are comfortable. Depending on the time of your arrival and the other arrivals that day, we will orient you around the neighborhood by walking you to a few local spots. We will schedule a larger welcome dinner or welcome event for you soon after you and the rest of the month’s residents have arrived. This is a good opportunity for you to meet the other

residents and the Beijing arts community.

After this, we do not just hand over the key and send you on your way. We check in regularly and hope that you do the same. We encourage you to get together with the other residents for meals and events. We invite you to as many art openings as we are privy to (which can be a lot) and we enjoy spending time with you and talking about your projects.

Our staff will oversee your accommodations and can assist you with any problems or concerns that may arise during your stay.

Every two months, we encourage you to participate in an open studio with the other artists. This is a very informal but valuable opportunity for you to showcase what you have been working for another chance to connect with the arts community in Beijing.

We will assist you with the publicity for this event.

After your residency, we ask that you fill out our questionnaire and send us images of your work and text about your work and or your experience here. We do our best to update our Weibo and Facebook with your events. Your name will also be added to the [Past Residents page](#) on our website.

Everyone's residency experience is different and unique to their own interests and past experiences. Some residents come with a lot of knowledge about China and Chinese culture and other come with very little. Some are here to focus primarily on production of new works, while others are here to primarily network and build connections for the future.

We hope that you will take the time to explore and allow the unique and fascinating environments that Beijing has to offer impact you. We hope that you will participate in the Beijing arts community through open studios and gallery openings and we hope that you are able to complete the residency objectives that you have set out for

yourself. We are here to introduce you to Beijing and the local and international arts community, encourage your exploration of China and Chinese culture, assist you in networking possibilities and support you as you work on your projects.

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