



# 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 the Cultural Forum of Austria. In the past we have supported ConjunctionArts, NY, Australia-China Council, Creative New Zealand, Taipei artist village, and Ssamzie, Korea and is 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, tell you where to buy the best Peking Duck, which part of the Great Wall not to go to, and 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. We are here for you regarding any concerns or needs that you may have during your stay.

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. Onsite 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 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 and two 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 weekly cleaning are included.

More information regarding our residencies including facilities photos can be found on our website at [regateresidency.com](http://regateresidency.com) and photos from our current residencies can be found on our blog at [redgateresidency.blogspot.com](http://redgateresidency.blogspot.com).

**For current pricing details, please contact our Program Coordinator at [info@redgateresidency.com](mailto:info@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" and your name. 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 (Bei Gao Studio/Loft or Tuanjiehu Apartment), or, on the way, we will stop at the local Jenny Lou's grocery store. This first trip to Jenny Lou's is meant to orient you to an easy and close by grocery store stocked with some harder to find western items as well introduce you to the general layout of your neighborhood.

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 charged and ready to use transportation pass guide books, maps, taxi information, invitations to gallery openings, Red Gate Gallery information, and many other useful sources of information. Supplemental information is available at [redgategallery.com/residentsources](http://redgategallery.com/residentsources) [password available upon acceptance]. 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 replacing the phone if anything happens to it. You will also receive an "Additional Resources" packet which includes information from where to buy your art supplies, to where take Chinese lessons, how to hire an assistant, to where to dance and eat the best Beijing Duck.

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 are here to assist you with the development of your projects and are happy to answer any questions that you may have during your stay. 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 blog 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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Interactive map including our facilities, arts districts, and tourist locations can be found at [redgategallery.com/interactivemap](http://redgategallery.com/interactivemap)