

RESIDENCY AT ESPAI DE MARGE

Artist residency from September 6 to 20, 2026

Espai de marge is launching an open call for creative, research, and experimental residencies, welcoming individuals or groups working on small-scale projects across any artistic discipline. The residency includes two weeks of accommodation and access to workspaces in a natural and inspiring setting where the artists, despite working individually on their projects, will be able to establish dialogues and synergies with the other residents.

ABOUT ESPAI DE MARGE

Located in Font-rubí, at the foot of the Serres Velles (Alt Penedès), Espai de Marge is an 18th-century farmhouse renovated into an independent artist residency. With 78 hectares of forest and dryland crops, the space offers an ideal environment for concentration, creation, and dialogue between disciplines. The project promotes creative freedom, the use of natural materials, and the connection with the territory.

Espai de marge is a small and independent project, with all that this entails in terms of austerity, but also freedom, agility and permeability.

ELIGIBILITY

The call is open to both individual artists and collectives of up to five people, from any artistic discipline or working with multidisciplinary approaches, developing projects in the early stages of creation.

We will especially value proposals that integrate creative research processes, seek new artistic languages, or explore connections with the rural and natural environment. Projects may focus on experimentation and process without necessarily resulting in a final product or performance. Proposals must respect Espai de Marge's values: sustainability, connection with the rural and natural environment and spirit of experimentation.

RESIDENCE DURATION AND CALENDAR

The residency will last two weeks and will take place from September 6 to 20, 2026. Since one of the aims of this shared residency is to encourage exchange among artists from different disciplines, it is essential that the selected projects take place concurrently at Espai de marge and that participants remain on site for at least 80% of the residency period.

FUNCTIONING AND EVENTS

- All selected artists will live together during the two-week residency at Espai de Marge and will work on their own projects.
- During the residency, optional open studio sessions may be organized exclusively for residents. The aim is to share the state of their creative processes and encourage attentive and sensitive listening across disciplines.
- At the end of the second week, an Open Doors event will be held for external audience. During this event, the artists will present and share their projects with the visitors,

fostering a space for exchange and reflection with the community and raising awareness of their creative processes.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To host artistic creation and experimentation.
- To promote dialogue and exchange between artists from different disciplines.
- To give visibility to and value artistic exploration, research, and creative processes unrelated to a marketable final product.
- To encourage interaction between artists and the natural environment during creative and work processes.
- To establish links between artists and the local community through activities open to the public.

CONDITIONS

This call is funded by Espai de Marge, and therefore, the residency is free of charge.

It includes:

- Accommodation (single, double or triple room)
- Individual workspace for each project.
- Use of the shared kitchen (Espai de Marge will provide dinner on the first day, for the rest of the stay, residents can prepare their own meals)
- Use of common spaces such as the patio, living room, and outdoor natural spaces.
- Option to receive artistic support from the Espai de Marge team.
- Project promotion on social media.
- Opportunity to showcase and discuss your project with an external audience. Espai de Marge will invite various cultural representatives from the area for the occasion.

Does not include:

- Living expenses (including meals) which must be covered by the residents themselves.
- Transportation costs for people, works or work materials.

Regarding travel: it is not possible to reach Espais de marge by public transport. However, we will look for alternatives in case any of the selected artists cannot get there by car.

ARTIST COMMITMENT

In exchange for the two-week residency grant, the artist agrees to:

- Participate in the open house, sharing their project and process with the public.
- Provide 15 photographs of the process and a short video describing the experience during the residency. This material will become part of the Espai de marge archive and may be used solely to promote the residency program and the Espai de Marge project.
- Mention the residency at Espai de Marge in all promotional materials for the artistic project, press kits, etc.
- Stay at Espai de Marge and use the work spaces for at least 80% of the residency period.
- Respect the spaces and materials, leaving them as they were found.
- Respect other people, living beings, and the environment.

- Sexist, racist, classist, xenophobic, homophobic, or transphobic attitudes will not be accepted.
- When working, using, or visiting the natural spaces of Espai de Marge, your actions must avoid generating negative impacts on the environment.

In the event of noncompliance with any of these commitments, Espai de Marge reserves the right to refuse admission and claim the value of the residency and any damaged materials.

APPLICATION FORM

The call will be open from June 5 to July 10, 2026. The deadline for submitting projects is **July 10, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.** Applications must be submitted via the following link:

<https://www.espaidemarge.com/call-for-submissions-2026>

Please attach to the form **a single PDF file of a maximum of 10 pages (max 6MB)**, including:

- Explanation of the project
- Dossier of previous projects, if any.
- Biography of the applicants

Conciseness will be valued and applications that exceed these guidelines will not be accepted.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Artistic quality of the proposal
- Suitability of the proposal for the residency and for the facilities at Espai de Marge.
- Trajectory and background of the artist or collective. We seek a balance between emerging and established projects, as well as between local and international proposals.
- Proposals that align with Espai de Marge's values - sustainability, connection to the rural and natural environment, and a spirit of experimentation - will be positively considered.
- Complementarity with other proposals will also be a selection criterion in order to achieve a heterogeneous group and optimal occupancy of the facilities.

RESOLUTION OF THE CALL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS

The call for applications will be notified by email to all applicants, whether selected or not, during the second half of July. Participation in this call implies acceptance of the rules and their resolution, as well as the conditions of use of the spaces and any changes that may subsequently occur for reasons unrelated to the Call. Selected applicants explicitly agree to complete the residency according to the terms and conditions and within the requested timeframe.

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