

- **WHEN CAN I APPLY?**

We operate an open call year-round, so you can apply at any time!

- **HOW EASY IS IT TO ACCESS ART SUPPLIES IN HVAMMSTANGI?**

Handbendi does not provide art supplies. We do have a small storage room full of odd art materials left behind by previous artists. You are able to access these as you need. We recommend bringing all specific materials with you or sending them before your arrival. There are art stores in Reykjavik: you can make an order with them and have it delivered to Studio Handbendi, or pick up on your way here. There is a hardware store, basic craft store, and a farm shop in Hvammstangi in which you can find a lot of good materials for construction. We encourage artists to explore natural and local materials whenever possible.

- **DO YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS?**

Yes, there is wi-fi in the studio and housing accommodations.

- **WHICH LIVING EXPENSES ARE ARTISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR? WHAT IS THE AVERAGE BUDGET PER MONTH?**

The residency fee covers your accommodation and studio space and includes all utilities, electricity, heating, water wifi plus sheets and towels etc. All other costs are the responsibility of the artist. It is good to budget with a minimum of 10,000 - 15,000 ISK per week for food in Hvammstangi. Otherwise, all expenses are dependent on what kind of experience you are looking for. It is good to budget for trips out of town and exploring Iceland.

- **WHAT KIND OF CLOTHING SHOULD I BRING?**

The best attitude for Iceland is to be prepared for anything. This means layers, and good basics for both warm and cold weather in the summer and lots of layering and cold weather gear for a

stay in the winter. Good shoes that can get dirty are recommended. Your trainers will get very muddy.

- **DO YOU OFFER RESIDENCIES IN THE WINTER?**

Our residency programmes operates all year round. We accept applications for 1 or more months, beginning and ending on the dates issued in your contract. Most month stays are for 28 days and your residency may start a couple of days into the month and or finish a day or two earlier than the end of the month.

- **CAN I APPLY FOR A SHORTER STAY?**

It is possible to apply for a 14 day residency. This works particularly well if you are a group coming to do some early development work on a production idea. Specify in your application and email if you would like to be considered for a short stay. Rates will be calculated according to your group size and duration of residency.

- **ARE GRANTS OR ANY OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE?**

Handbendi does not have a funding board or body attached to it. We do not offer scholarships or stipends to artists unless you have been selected for a particular project for which we have funding. It is advised you seek funding in your own country, most Icelandic funding is especially for Icelandic projects or artists.

- **CAN I HAVE A GUEST STAY DURING MY RESIDENCY?**

Guests are welcome if we have an available room, there is no guarantee. The fee for a guest is in accordance with current local rates and will vary throughout the year. If you are having a partner visit for a week or two it can be cheaper to apply for a double room (room with 2 beds) and this will secure the availability of a bed for your guest.

- **HOW DO I TRAVEL FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE NES ARTIST RESIDENCY?**

You can hire a car or take the #57 bus. Once you have been accepted to the residency and a few weeks before your start date you will receive detailed information about where and how to get here. Airport transfer is possible for an additional fee.

- **DO I NEED A VISA?**

For some countries a visa is required, for detailed information about who needs, or does not need a VISA, please visit Iceland's Directorate of Immigration. <https://utl.is/index.php/en/visa>