

Palermo Calling Art & Science

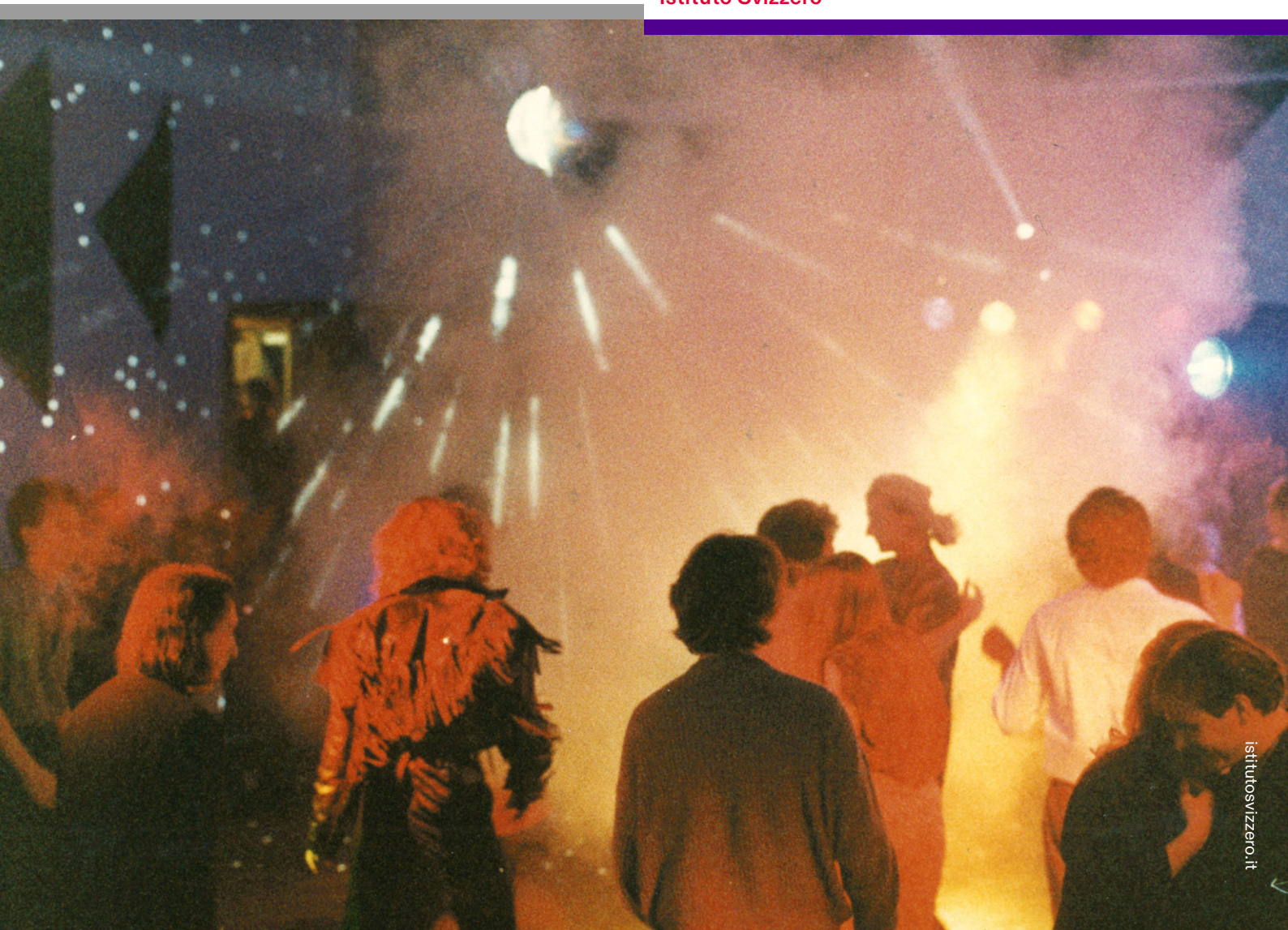
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**Call for applications
2025**

**Deadline
17.01.2025**

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Palermo Calling / Art & Science Transdisciplinary residency programme in Palermo Call for applications 2025

Istituto Svizzero is an interdisciplinary platform that brings together artistic and scientific research. In Rome, Milan, or Palermo, the Istituto facilitates exchanges between Switzerland and Italy, as well as on an international scale. It offers an annual programme which highlights innovative events and projects, experimental practices and academic excellence. Istituto Svizzero is committed to the global debate on art and society, imagining new ways of looking beyond the boundaries of disciplines. The institute offers residencies to emerging artists and researchers who wish to contribute to the future of art, science and innovation.

Istituto Svizzero offers dialogues on art and science and the numerous benefits of multidisciplinary exchange. Istituto Svizzero aims to strengthen and deepen innovative forms of collaboration between artists and researchers by launching a call for a Art & Science residency.

Palermo Calling / Art & Science invites an Art & Science duo (researcher and artist) to develop a common research project in Palermo and to stay for a period of 3 months at Palazzo Sant'Elia of the Fondazione Sant'Elia.

The Art & Science project must be connected to the city of Palermo, and/or to Sicily, and/or to the Mediterranean region. Taking into account Palermo's geo-political location in the Mediterranean coast, the presence in the city of an important botanical garden, the university and many scientific and artistic institutions and initiatives, *Palermo Calling / Art & Science* offers a full immersion into the city and its multiple contexts to explore questions related (but not limited) to:

- Palermo's ecosystem, biodiversity, interspecies relations, natural and cultural habitats and landscape, resilience to climate change, migration and cultural diversity, pluri-lingual environment
- the Mediterranean as a complex geopolitical and cultural space

Depending on the proposed topic, the Art & Science project can embrace technology, life sciences, humanities and social sciences, and all disciplines of contemporary arts practice.

As part of Istituto Svizzero's residency programme, Palermo Calling / Art & Science offers:

- Participation to one study trip as part of the *Roma, Milano, Palermo Calling* residency programmes
- Participation to Istituto Svizzero's events in Palermo
- Participation in the opening event in Rome
- Participation in meetings, workshops, study visits, desk visits
- Curation of a public event supported by Istituto Svizzero, contribution to the Istituto Svizzero's blog
- Access to the network of contacts of Istituto Svizzero in Italy, Switzerland and internationally
- Exchanges with the other fellows of *Roma, Milano, Palermo Calling*
- Access to the digital resources of Istituto Svizzero
- Intensive Italian language course

Conditions of admission

The competition is open to an Art & Science duo consisting of:

- an artist in the visual arts, design, architecture, film, literature, dance, theater, performance art or music, with a completed master's degree, or equivalent proven artistic experience
- a researcher (master's degree, doctorate or post-doctorate) in any field of science: humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, science and technology etc., affiliated to a higher education institution

One of the two participants at least needs to be a Swiss citizen or resident in Switzerland.

The conditions do not imply an age limit.

The duration of the residency is 3 months. Applications for a shorter or longer stay will not be considered.

It is not possible to apply for another residency programme of Istituto Svizzero (*Roma, Milano, Palermo Calling*) during the same academic year.

Accommodation and residence in Palermo

Residents benefit from accommodation at the center of Palermo (individual accommodation with en-suite bathroom and kitchenette area, shared workspace) as well as an allowance for meals. Residents, for their part, must endeavour to obtain subsidies for their other living expenses on their own¹.

In spite of proven and documented efforts, partial or total financial assistance from cantons, municipalities or foundations for residence in Palermo is not available, support from the Istituto Svizzero (a maximum of CHF 1.500 per month per person for all or part of the residence) may be requested.

Dates of residence

From 11 September 2025 to 19 December 2025.

Selection process

Online applications must be sent before **17 January 2025** to the email address: residencies@istitutosvizzero.it with the subject 'Residency Palermo Calling / Art & Science 2025'.

The results of the selection process will be announced at the end of March 2025 and a compulsory meeting of the successful candidates will be held in Switzerland in June.

1. The artists will apply to cantons, cities or foundations for this purpose, the researchers to the Swiss National Science Foundation or foundations.

Application package

Researcher and artist:

- A joint letter of motivation
- Description of the joint Art & Science research project
- Curriculum vitae of both candidates
- Letter of reference regarding the Art & Science project (one letter, either from a scientific or artistic expert)

The description of the joint research project must be no longer than 5 pages (bibliography excluded) and must be structured as follows:

- Brief presentation of the Art & Science research topic
- Planned research method
- Mention of scientific and artistic institutions as partners of the project in the country of origin
- Timetable for the project and the stay in Palermo

Artists (in addition):

- Portfolio

Researchers (in addition):

- Institutional or academic context of the project (e.g. university thesis, post-doc, publication, etc.)

To apply, documentation must be sent via email in pdf format (maximum size of 5 MB per file).

Applications sent via WeTransfer or other file transfer services will not be accepted.

Contact

For more information, please contact: residencies@istitutovizzero.it