

# Palermo Calling Curator

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Call for applications  
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## Palermo Calling / Curator Residency programme for curator in Palermo Call for application 2025

Istituto Svizzero acts as an interdisciplinary platform bringing together artistic and scientific research. From Rome, Milan or Palermo, it facilitates connections both between Switzerland and Italy, as well as internationally. In addition to its residency programme and Summer Schools, the Institute promotes a public programme of innovative events and projects, experimental practices and academic excellence.

Under the title *Palermo Calling / Curator*, Istituto Svizzero launches a call for residency for a curator who will have the opportunity to stay for 3 months at Palazzo Branciforte in Palermo. Applicants will be required to present a research project that has a link to the Sicilian territory and includes a reflection drawing from the collections of the Fondazione Sicilia.

### The residency 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 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
- Access to the collections of Fondazione Sicilia and its library
- Intensive Italian language course

### The collections of Fondazione Sicilia

The cultural heritage of Fondazione Sicilia, rich in testimony to the history of the island's civilisation from prehistoric times to the 20th century, includes the 16th century Palazzo Branciforte and Villa Zito, which hosts the Foundation's art collections. The patrimony is also enriched by the Archivio storico del Banco di Sicilia and the Library, which counts over fifty thousand volumes. In Palazzo Branciforte it is possible to admire the archaeological, numismatic and philatelic collections, as well as the majolica, sculptures and panel frescoes. Villa Zito houses the collections of paintings, prints and drawings. In addition, major restoration work at Palazzo Branciforte started in 2007, run by the world-famous architect and designer Gae Aulenti, has made it possible to make the entire complex functional and modern, while maintaining evidence of the past and incorporating contemporary design.

More information on the collections: [www.fondazionesicilia.it](http://www.fondazionesicilia.it)

### Conditions of admission

The call is open to curators and researchers with experience in the following disciplines: art history, contemporary art, architecture, history or related subjects. The conditions do not imply an age limit. However, it is required a proven experience either in institutional contexts and/or in independent spaces, with an interest in the Palermo/Sicilian territory.

The call is addressed to Swiss citizens and residents as well as figures who have established solid relations with the Swiss scientific and cultural scene.

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

The resident benefits from an independent studio-apartment located on the top floor of Palazzo Branciforte in the heart of Palermo, as well as one meal per day. Residents, for their part, must endeavour to obtain subsidies for their other living expenses on their own<sup>1</sup>. 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.

Accommodation is provided for one person only.

### Dates of residence

From 11 September 2025 to 19 December 2025.

### Selection process

Online applications must be sent no later than **17 January 2025** to the email address:

[residencies@istitutosvizzero.it](mailto:residencies@istitutosvizzero.it) with the subject 'Residency Palermo Calling / Curator 2025'.

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

### Application package:

- Motivation letter describing the reasons for the application to the residency and the connection to the Sicilian territory
- Curriculum vitae and portfolio if applicable
- Description of the research project (maximum 2500 words) drawing from the collections of the Fondazione Sicilia

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 write to: [residencies@istitutosvizzero.it](mailto:residencies@istitutosvizzero.it)

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