

As part of a German-Dutch art project, the Minister President of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia is awarding a 12-month grant to two curators-in-residence at Schloss Ringenberg (from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011).

Eligibility requirements are:

- A completed course of studies at a university in North Rhine-Westphalia (master's degree, *diplom*, *magister* or doctorate) in the fields of art history or art studies
- Profound knowledge of contemporary art and experience with the curatorial process

As a rule, applicants must not be older than 35 years of age when the grant period begins on 1 July 2010.

Schloss Ringenberg is located in Hamminkeln (District of Wesel) on the Lower Rhine. As a centre for young art and project work within the scope of the German-Dutch cultural dialogue, the Schloss provides studio space for eight German and Dutch artist fellows each year, as well as four exhibition galleries with changing programmes.

The two NRW curatorial fellows, together with a third candidate from De Appel Arts Centre (Amsterdam), will reside in an apartment nearby Schloss Ringenberg. They will have a workspace at their disposal at the Schloss.

In accepting the grant, the curators agree to participate in the German-Dutch Euregio project **smax**. They will develop and realise three **smax**-financed contemporary art projects with the German-Dutch **smax** partners and at Schloss Ringenberg.

During the grant period, the candidates are expected to spend most of their time at Schloss Ringenberg.

The monthly allowance is 1,250 euros. This grant is designed to help the recipients cover the cost of living, including their share of the expenses for the apartment and workspace (180 euros/ month). A 12-month lease must be signed with the Derik Baegert Gesellschaft for the apartment and workspace (dated from the 1 July 2010).

Applicants must submit:

- A curriculum vitae with photo
- Proof of a degree from a university in NRW
- Evidence of curating one or more art projects (freelance or, e.g., on a voluntary basis; brief documentation in the form of catalogues, photos, etc.)
- A sample text from a catalogue or essay on an artist
- A sample art critique or review (possibly as a fictional commission from a magazine of one's choice or on an artist or current project)
- An incisive statement on the candidate's personal interests and vision of the curatorial process

Application deadline is **15 April 2010**.

Please address your application to

Derik-Baegert-Gesellschaft, Schloss Ringenberg, Schlosstr. 8, D-46499 Hamminkeln.

The Derik Baegert Gesellschaft is responsible for organising the application procedure.

Application information should be provided on the designated form. There is no need to request application materials, as this grant announcement already contains all the necessary information. Further information is available at: www.schloss-ringenberg.de.

An independent expert jury will review all applications received and as a first step select eight potential candidates, who will be invited to Schloss Ringenberg for an interview with members of the jury. Following the interviews, two fellows will be selected.

Candidates however have no legal claim to the grant.

**CURATORIAL GRANT sponsored by the
State of North Rhine-Westphalia
1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 at SCHLOSS RINGENBERG**

Minister President of the State of
North Rhine-Westphalia

Application Form

(Please print)

Last name/First name _____

Street address _____ Town _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Tel. _____ Fax _____

Email _____ Homepage _____

University degree (university/year) _____

Application documents submitted

(please check)

- * Curriculum vitae with photo
- * Proof of a degree from a university in NRW
- * Evidence of curatorial practice
- * Sample text (catalogue/ artist text)
- * Sample text (art review)
- * Statement on curating

Please send your application documents to:

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Submission deadline: 15 April 2010

- * Please return my documents (**important:** return postage + packaging enclosed)

Town, date: _____ Signature: _____

Further information: www.schloss-ringenberg.de/smax