

COVE PARK X SAHA ART WRITER RESIDENCY

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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Residency Dates: Monday 29 March 2027 – Sunday 11 April 2027
Deadline for Applications: Monday 30 November 2026 (10am TRT)
Interviews: Week commencing Monday 7 December 2026

OVERVIEW

The Cove Park/SAHA Art Writer Residency is a new residency developed jointly by Cove Park, Scotland, and SAHA, Türkiye. The residency is made possible with support from British Council Scotland and British Council Türkiye and has been developed in partnership with Counterflows Festival.

Art writers based in Türkiye are invited to apply for a two-week, fully funded residency at Cove Park, an international residency based in Scotland for artists, researchers, and creative practitioners working in all creative disciplines. The residency will begin on Monday 29 March 2027 and continue until Sunday 11 April 2027. The resident will be provided with a fee, travel allowance, and private accommodation and workspace.

The aim of this residency is to support research, the development of new written work, and the opportunity to connect with other national and international art writers. The residency will coincide with a one-day art writing symposium at Cove Park on Friday 9 April for art writers and graduates of Glasgow School of Art's MLitt Art Writing course.

The residency also coincides with Counterflows Festival in Glasgow (1-4 April), an annual contemporary music festival celebrating challenging, thought-provoking and experimental work. The resident will be invited to develop new writing in response to work presented at the festival, which would be published both on SAHA webpage and in the Zine of the 2028 edition of the festival.

IMPORTANT DATES

11-30 November 2026.	Call for Applications
30 November - 4 December 2026	Evaluation of the applications
7 December 2026	Shortlist interviews
14 December 2026.	Announcement
29 March - 11 April 2027	Residency Dates



ABOUT COVE PARK

Cove Park is an international artists' residency based on an outstanding 50-acre rural site in Argyll on the west coast of Scotland. Hosting local, national, and international artists and creative practitioners working in all art forms and creative disciplines, Cove Park provides the facilities, support, and care required for the development of new ideas and projects, collaborations, and interdisciplinary practice. Residents stay on site in private accommodation with access to private studios, communal work and meeting spaces, and a library. We host up to 14 residents at any one time, offering every resident the opportunity meet and work alongside individuals and collaborative groups from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. We organise informal peer-to-peer events to promote discussion, the exchange of ideas and experiences, and the development of new connections. Please see https://www.covepark.org/ for further information on our current programme and images of Cove Park's site and facilities. Our FAQ page answers general questions on Cove Park's residencies and access.

ABOUT SAHA

Founded in 2011 to support artists, curators, and writers working in visual arts from Türkiye, SAHA offers its support through a participatory approach in governance and fundraising with its members, institutional supporters, project partners, and consultants. SAHA collaborates with non-profit organizations to realize exhibitions, publications and public programs, acting as a facilitator and providing grants. To promote cross-cultural dialogue and to support the professional development of the artists and curators from Türkiye, SAHA establishes partnerships with residency and research programs abroad. In Istanbul, SAHA hosts international art professionals invited within the scope of its Curatorial Program, while continuing to foster creative environments and networks of artists through SAHA Studio. The association also provides yearly grants to independent art initiatives and collectives across Türkiye to sustain their public programs. Since 2011, SAHA has supported over 650 different artists, curators, writers, and art initiatives for their projects in over 234 museums, biennials, non-profit art institutions and organizations in 52 countries.



FEES & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The resident will receive a total fee of £1,400 GBP. Cove Park will meet the costs of the return flights from Istanbul to Glasgow and travel between Cove Park and Glasgow. The resident will also receive support for the visa application process. SAHA commits to the partnership to designate the context of the residency and to assist the open call process in tandem with the Cove Park.

ELIGIBILITY

Applications will be accepted from individuals based in Türkiye with an art writing practice. This should be the primary focus of the applicant's creative practice. Please note, applicants do not need to have a formal education qualification. Those currently in formal full or part-time education at the time of the application deadline are not eligible to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be submitted via the online **Application Form.** The Application Form must include:

- Name and contact details.
- A statement (no more than 500 words) briefly describing your current work and the reasons for your interest in this residency.
- A biography of up to 100 words
- Your CV
- A sample of art writing, no more than 1000 words and limited to 4 pages.

AI POLICY FOR APPLICATIONS

Applicants are asked not to use generative AI in their application. Cove Park's selection panel will not use AI to assess applications, and we value transparency and artistic integrity. Documentation should be comprised of original work and please submit your statement in your own words. Applications are assessed on the quality of ideas and not on perfect grammar and syntax.

SELECTION PROCESS & CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed and shortlisted for interview by representatives from Cove Park and SAHA. All applicants will be notified if their submission has been shortlisted for interview on Friday 4 December 2026.

SELECTION FOR INTERVIEW WILL BE BASED ON:

- The creative strength of the work and ideas.
- The need for a period of research and creative development of art writing in an international context.
- The interest in working within a community of artists, researchers, and creative practitioners at Cove Park.

Interviews will take place via Zoom the week of 7 December 2026.

ACCESS SUPPORT

We can accept submissions in audio or video formats if this is preferable to a written application. If you have a disability, please let us know if there are any reasonable adjustments to the application process that would be of assistance to you. If you would like to discuss options, or need help making your application, please contact Cove Park's Senior Producer Alex Marrs directly.

We will acknowledge receipt of your application as soon as it is received. This acknowledgement will include a link to our anonymous Equalities, Diversity & Inclusion monitoring form for completion and we would be grateful for your time with this. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, please contact Cove Park directly to confirm receipt of your application. The applications will be shortlisted for interview by Cove Park Staff and Advisors.

EQUALITIES, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

We want our residencies, programmes and resources to be open, inclusive and welcoming to all. We continue to assess how we work towards achieving greater equality and representation within all levels of our organisation and across all programmes.

Cove Park aims to provide a safe and positive environment for everyone, and to actively dismantle discrimination based on age, disability, gender identity, marriage or civil partnership status, pregnancy or parental status, race including skin colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation. Additionally, we aim to dismantle discrimination based on accent, educational background, gender expression, hair texture and hairstyle, immigration status, language ability, markings and/or tattoos connected to spiritual rituals from pre-colonial cultural practices, neurodiversity, physical and mental health, size, and socio-economic status or background.

As language, terms, and expressions inevitably evolve, Cove Park is committed to reviewing this statement regularly – and as often as it becomes appropriate – with our local, national and international communities.



PERSONAL DATA

Please note, we will store applications electronically for one year. The data contained within your application will not be used for any purpose other than short-listing, running, and evaluating the programme. We will not share your details with any third parties without obtaining permission from you to do so.

For further information please contact:

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