

"6ARTISTA. PROJECT FOR YOUNG ARTISTS 2026-2027" 7TH EDITION

Introduction:

The Fondazione Pastificio Cerere, in collaboration with Accademia di Belle Arti di Roma, NABA – Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti and RUFA – Rome University of Fine Arts, announces the "6ARTISTA. Project for Young Artists 2026-2027" award, aimed at supporting the professional growth of emerging talents with the goal of promoting and enhancing contemporary Italian art. Established in 2009, the seventh edition of the award is made possible through the support of MiC and SIAE, as part of the "Per Chi Crea" program.

Award:

The 6ARTISTA award aims to select six emerging young artists under 35, offering them the opportunity to develop their artistic research. Each selected artist will have access to a shared studio space for 75 days at Pastificio Cerere and will have the chance to exhibit their work in the final residency exhibition, hosted in the exhibition spaces of Fondazione Pastificio Cerere.

Objectives:

The project aims to:

- Support the training of young artists by encouraging dialogue with diverse cultural fields and artistic languages;
- Revive the historical identity of the former Pastificio Cerere by providing an environment where young artists can develop their work through exchanges with long-time resident artists;
- Create an exhibition project as an integral part of the artist residency;
- Strengthen connections with critics, curators, gallery owners, and art professionals.

Project Framework:

The competition aims to select six artists who will have the opportunity to reside for 75 days at Pastificio Cerere in Rome. The purpose of the residency is to build a strong institutional network, providing young artists with national and international growth and training opportunities. The project organizers will arrange activities, meetings, studio visits and guided tours at Roman cultural institutions, allowing the artists to connect with critics, curators, journalists, and institutions. During their residency, the artists must develop an

exhibition project, which will be presented at the end of the residency in January 2027 at Fondazione Pastificio Cerere.

Tutors Marta Jovanovic (artist), Gianni Politi (artist) and Fabrizio Sartori, will guide the selected artists throughout the residency activities.

Eligibility:

The award is open to students enrolled at ABARoma, NABA and RUFA, including alumni who have graduated from visual arts degree programs from 2020 onwards.

The competition is open to artists who are under 35 years old (i.e., have not yet turned 36 by the application deadline of October 30, 2025, as specified in the "Per Chi Crea" program, Edition 2025 – Call 3: Professionalization of Artists) and reside in Italy (including non-Italian citizens) or are Italian citizens residing abroad.

Residency Duration:

The residencies will take place according to the following schedule:

- **First period:** April 27, 2026 – July 10, 2026
- **Second period:** July 13, 2026 – September 25, 2026
- **Third period:** September 28, 2026 – December 11, 2026

Exhibition setup: Between December 2026 and January 2027

Final exhibition of the residency program: Between January and February 2027 at Fondazione Pastificio Cerere, Rome

The Award includes for each selected artist:

- The use of a shared studio space at Pastificio Cerere for 75 days. The studio will serve as a workspace and meeting area but is not intended for overnight stays.
- A scholarship of €2,000.00 gross, awarded to each winner during the final week of their assigned residency period. This amount will cover production costs for the artworks, meals, and any local transportation within the city.
- Free participation in one or more training opportunities offered by the partner academies, such as seminars, workshops and/or talks, with a total duration ranging from 10 to 30 hours.

Application Process:

Applicants must submit the following documentation:

- Completed application form;
- Presentation book including:
 - A reference letter signed by an expert in the artistic-cultural field;
 - Curriculum vitae (max. 3,600 characters, including spaces);

- Portfolio of works created in the past year (max. 10 images and a short presentation text of max. 1,800 characters, including spaces);
- Abstract of the research project to be developed during the residency (max. 3,600 characters, including spaces, with a maximum of 5 images);
- A copy of a valid identification document.
- A presentation video in which the applicant introduces themselves and explains their motivation for participating in the project (max. 200 MB; maximum duration of 1 minute and 30 seconds).

The application form and portfolio must be submitted in Word or PDF format (max. 20 MB) via email to 6artista@pastificiocerere.it; the presentation video must be uploaded exclusively via the following Drive link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KO6p-Su62gsQofSX09ZYeaNdpSYp0Srq?usp=sharing>

Applications must be submitted exclusively as indicated above **no later than April 1, 2026 at 1:00 PM**. Incomplete applications will not be considered and will be automatically excluded from the selection process.

Jury:

The jury will consist of:

- Marcello Smarrelli, Artistic Director, Fondazione Pastificio Cerere
- Claudia Cavalieri, Director, Fondazione Pastificio Cerere
- Angelica Gatto, Curator
- Gianni Politi, Artist and tutor for NABA
- Marta Jovanović, Artist and tutor for RUFA
- Fabrizio Sartori, Artist and tutor for ABARoma
- Niccolò Fano, Gallerist

Selection Criteria:

Based on the submitted materials, the jury will select six candidates and assign each one to one of the three residency periods (see the “Residency Duration” section). Winners will be contacted by phone or email using the contact details provided in the application form. The list of selected artists will be published on the website www.pastificiocerere.it.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Ability to employ contemporary expressive methods;
- Aesthetic quality;
- Innovation and experimentation;
- Artistic research value;
- Creativity and originality.

The jury's decisions are final. By submitting an application, candidates commit to being available for the entire duration of the project and to accepting one of the three assigned residency periods, as determined by the jury. The names of the winners will be announced between 20 and 21 April 2026.

**APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE RESIDENCIES PROJECT
“6ARTISTA. Project for Young Artists 2026-2027” – 7th Edition**

Name and Surname of the applicant:

Place and Date of Birth:

Residence Address:

Mobile Number:

Email:

Name and role of the person who wrote the reference letter & contact details (phone and email):

I declare that the works presented in the portfolio were created by me.

Signature, place, and date:

I expressly authorize the processing of my personal data in accordance with Legislative Decree 196/2003.

Signature, place, and date:

I authorize the use of the images of the works included in the portfolio for project promotion, institutional communication, and publications related to the initiative. If selected as a winner, I further authorize the use of images of the works produced during the residency at Pastificio Cerere in Rome.

Signature, place, and date:

Partners



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