The Animation Artist in Residence Tokyo 2015 provides funded residencies and education programme for 3 outstanding young animation artists from around the world to spend 70 days in Tokyo in first quarter 2015 and develop new works.

This project, organised by the Agency for Cultural Affairs (Bunka-cho / Government of Japan), is an artist in residence program which aims to provide three outstanding young animation artists from around the world with an opportunity to come to Tokyo and create new works while directly interacting with Japanese animation culture. The aim is to promote both the creation of excellent works of animation and a better understanding of Japanese culture.

The residency will last 70 days between January 7th and March 17th 2015. The program includes:

1. Education/training: participants will give reports on the progress of their work being created as part of the program and will receive guidance from accomplished Japanese animators/experts on a regular basis.

2. Visits/exchange events: participants will visit animation studios and participate in exchange events with artists and students enrolled in art programs at educational institutions.

3. Creation of a new work: participants will begin a new work while in Japan and present the finished work or one part of a work in progress at the end of their stay.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must:

1. Reside outside of Japan and be a citizen of a country other than Japan.
2. Have had one of their animated works screened at an international film festival, exhibition or similar event, where works from countries other than your own are also screened/featured.

3. Be between the ages of 20 and 35 as of September 10th 2014.

4. Be able to speak either English or Japanese at least well enough to communicate in everyday situations.

5. Be in good health.

6. Have access to the equipment necessary to participate in a remote interview (i.e. a computer capable of connecting to the internet and using Skype).

Travel, accommodation and other costs are covered by the organisers.

Deadline for applications: 10 September 2014

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