

FIRST CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL MANAGEMENT RESIDENCY AT CURRENT PLANS (HONG KONG)

Open to Alumni of the Postgraduate and Master's Programmes in Cultural Management at Universitat Internacional de Catalunya

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The Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (hereinafter, [UIC Barcelona University](#)), in collaboration with [Current Plans](#), launches an annual residency programme open to alumni of the Postgraduate and Master's Programmes in Cultural Management at UIC Barcelona University.

The aim of this call is to support the professional development of cultural managers through an international mobility and immersion experience in Hong Kong, fostering knowledge exchange, the creation of professional networks, and the development of projects in the field of cultural management.

1. PURPOSE OF THE CALL

The purpose of this call is to facilitate the creation of collaborative networks among cultural managers, promote international mobility and professional exchange, support the development of cultural projects through access to working spaces and environments for experimentation, and strengthen cooperation and connections with international cultural institutions and professionals.

The residency aims to foster international mobility, situated learning, and immersion in new cultural contexts, offering the selected candidate the opportunity to develop an independent professional proposal, explore innovative working methodologies, and establish connections with institutions, organisations, and cultural practitioners within Hong Kong's artistic and cultural ecosystem.

The residency will take place at Current Plans, an independent platform dedicated to the research, production, and dissemination of contemporary practices. Since its establishment, Current Plans has promoted interdisciplinary projects that encourage experimentation, knowledge exchange, and the development of collaborative networks among professionals from diverse cultural contexts. Its activities provide

an ideal environment for critical reflection, innovation in cultural management, and the development of internationally oriented initiatives.

The residency must culminate in the implementation of a professional activity related to the project proposed by the selected candidate and agreed upon with Current Plans. This activity may take different forms, including a public presentation, workshop, professional gathering, curatorial proposal, cultural mediation activity, applied research project, publication, or any other initiative that contributes to knowledge exchange and professional dialogue.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following requirements by the application deadline:

- Have successfully completed one of the following programmes at UIC Barcelona University:
 - Master's Degree in Arts and Cultural Management
 - Postgraduate Diploma in Cultural Management
 - Postgraduate Diploma in Cultural Heritage Management
 - Postgraduate Diploma in Cultural and Creative Industries
- Demonstrate a minimum of two years of professional experience in the field of cultural management.
- Possess an English language proficiency level of B2 or higher, enabling active participation in the residency and related professional activities.
- Submit a project proposal related to the field of cultural management.

Eligibility will be verified from UIC Barcelona's academic records and the documentation submitted with the application.

The residency is intended for professionals interested in developing projects in areas such as cultural research, mediation, cultural programming, audience development or international cooperation, among others.

Particular consideration will be given to proposals that foster knowledge exchange, encourage intercultural dialogue, and contribute to the development of international networks and long-term collaborations between cultural professionals and institutions.

3. NUMBER OF RESIDENCIES AVAILABLE

This call offers one (1) International Cultural Management Residency at Current Plans in Hong Kong.

4. RESIDENCY SUPPORT

The selected candidate will receive:

- A round-trip economy-class flight between their place of residence and Hong Kong, up to a maximum amount of EUR 1,200. Travel arrangements will be managed through UIC Barcelona's designated travel agency. Any airfare exceeding this limit, as well as airport transfers and any other travel-related expenses, shall be borne by the selected candidate.
- Single accommodation for the entire duration of the residency will be provided on the premises of Current Plans.
- The selected candidate shall be responsible for arranging and covering the full cost of adequate travel and health insurance for the entire duration of the residency.
- Access to the working spaces and facilities of Current Plans required for the development of the proposed project.
- Integration into the professional environment of the host organisation.
- Participation in activities, professional meetings, seminars, workshops, and events organised by Current Plans.
- Mentoring and guidance provided by the Current Plans professional team.

- Opportunities to establish contacts and develop collaborative networks with cultural institutions, organisations, and professionals in Hong Kong.
- A public presentation of the project and/or the outcomes of the residency at Current Plans.
- Promotion of the project through the communication channels of both UIC Barcelona University and Current Plans.

Personal expenses, meals, local transportation, visa-related costs (if applicable), and any other expenses not expressly covered by these terms and conditions shall be the responsibility of the resident.

5. RESIDENCY PERIOD

The residency is expected to last approximately four weeks and will take place in June 2027. The provisional period is 1-30 June 2027.

The exact arrival and departure dates may be adjusted by mutual agreement between the selected candidate, UIC Barcelona University, and Current Plans.

The selected resident is expected to undertake the residency on a full-time basis and actively engage in the professional, research, and networking opportunities offered during the programme.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND SUBMISSION

All application materials must be submitted in **English**.

Applications must be sent in a single PDF file to **cbalboa@uic.es**.

The subject line of the email must read: **"Current Plans International Residency – SURNAME, First Name"**

The single PDF file must contain the following sections, in the order listed below:

6.1 Contact Information

Applicants must provide their full name, nationality, email address, and telephone number. The selected candidate will be asked to provide a valid passport and any other documentation strictly necessary to arrange the residency and travel.

6.2 Curriculum Vitae

An updated CV including academic studios, professional experience, cultural projects developed, collaborations, publications, and any other relevant information that demonstrates the applicant's professional trajectory, including evidence of study or professional experience undertaken in English.

6.3 Professional Profile

A brief description of the applicant's professional background, areas of expertise, interests, and current lines of work within the field of cultural management.

Maximum length: 250 words.

6.4 Project Proposal / Work Plan

A description of the project, research initiative, or professional proposal to be developed during the residency. The proposal should include:

- Objectives
- Methodology
- Rationale and relevance
- Expected outcomes
- Relationship to the cultural context of Hong Kong
- Description of the professional activity to be carried out during the residency (e.g., public presentation, workshop, professional gathering, curatorial proposal, mediation activity, publication, or another relevant format)
- Expected contribution of the activity to knowledge exchange and international cultural collaboration

Maximum length: 500 words.

6.5 Portfolio of Projects

A selection of up to three cultural projects developed, coordinated, or managed by the applicant.

For each project, applicants should provide:

- Project title.
- Date(s) of implementation.
- Responsible organisation or institution.
- Applicant's role and responsibilities.
- Brief description (maximum 100 words).
- Links or supporting materials, where applicable.

Supporting materials may include project documentation, publications, websites, audiovisual content, reports, communication materials, or other evidence of professional practice relevant to the application.

7. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Criterion	Maximum Score
Professional track record and demonstrated experience	25 points
Quality, relevance, and innovation of the proposed project	35 points
Relevance of the proposal to the context of Current Plans and Hong Kong	20 points
Potential impact and feasibility of the project	10 points
Potential to foster international collaboration and professional exchange	10 points

Applications will be evaluated by the Selection Committee on the basis of the submitted documentation and the extent to which the proposed project aligns with the objectives of the residency programme.

The Selection Committee may invite shortlisted applicants to an online interview. If interviews are used, all shortlisted applicants will be assessed under the same procedure and informed in advance of the interview criteria.

In the event of a tie, priority will be given to the application with the higher score for 'Quality, relevance, and innovation of the proposed project'; if the tie remains, the higher score for 'Relevance of the proposal to the context of Current Plans' will prevail.

The Selection Committee may establish a ranked reserve list to be used if the selected candidate declines the residency or is unable to participate.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to declare the call void if none of the applications reaches the required standard of quality, relevance, and feasibility.

8. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee will be composed of:

- Eunice Tsang, Director of Current Plans.
- Representatives designated by Current Plans.
- Christoph Pasour, Director of the Master's Degree in Cultural Management at UIC Barcelona.
- Claudia Balboa, Coordinator of the Postgraduate Programmes in Cultural Management and Professional Internships at UIC Barcelona.

9. CALL TIMELINE

- **Opening of the call for applications:** 3 September 2026
- **Application deadline:** 9 November 2026 at 23:59 (CET)
- **Notification of results:** 11 December 2026
- **Residency period:** 1–30 June 2027

Only complete applications received before the stated deadline will be considered. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome by email. The name of the selected candidate may also be published through the official communication channels of UIC Barcelona and Current Plans.

10. OBLIGATIONS OF THE SELECTED RESIDENT

The selected resident agrees to:

- Complete the residency for its full duration.
- Participate actively in the activities organised by Current Plans.
- Develop the project submitted as part of the application, or an adapted version agreed upon with the host organisation.
- Design and implement, during the residency, a professional activity related to the proposed project, to be agreed in advance with Current Plans.
- Submit a final report outlining the residency experience, activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved.
- Deliver a public presentation to the academic community of UIC Barcelona University within three months following the completion of the residency.
- Acknowledge the support of UIC Barcelona University and Current Plans in any publication, presentation, or activity resulting from the residency.

The selected resident must promptly inform UIC Barcelona and Current Plans of any circumstance that may affect their eligibility, travel, participation, or completion of the residency.

11. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Applicants warrant that the projects submitted are original works and that they hold all necessary intellectual property rights relating to the materials included in their application.

Ownership of all intellectual property rights arising from the submitted projects and any work developed during the residency shall remain with the respective authors.

UIC Barcelona University and Current Plans reserve the right to disseminate information, images, documentation, and outcomes related to the residency for

academic, research, cultural, promotional, and institutional communication purposes, provided that proper attribution is given to the author(s) of the work.

12. DATA PROTECTION

Personal data provided by applicants will be processed by UIC Barcelona University in accordance with the applicable data protection legislation and solely for the purposes of administering, evaluating, and managing this call for applications and the residency programme.

13. IMAGE AND RECORDING RIGHTS

By participating in this call, applicants authorise UIC Barcelona University and Current Plans to capture, reproduce, and disseminate photographs, video recordings, and other audiovisual materials generated during the residency for informational, academic, promotional, and institutional communication purposes related to the programme.

14. WITHDRAWAL, CANCELLATION, AND FORCE MAJEURE

If the selected candidate declines the residency or becomes unable to participate, the residency may be offered to the next eligible applicant on the reserve list, where such a list has been established.

UIC Barcelona and Current Plans may modify, postpone, suspend, or cancel the residency where necessary due to force majeure, travel restrictions, safety concerns, visa issues, public health circumstances, or other events beyond their reasonable control. The selected candidate will be informed as soon as reasonably possible.

15. ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Submission of an application implies full acceptance of these terms and conditions.

Any matter not expressly provided for in these terms and conditions shall be jointly resolved by UIC Barcelona and Current Plans, in accordance with applicable law and the principles of transparency, equal treatment, and proportionality.