

Österreichisches Kulturforum Peking

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Austria and China, the Cultural Forum of the Austrian Embassy in Beijing is opening a call for entries for the funding of art- and culture related projects to be carried out jointly by Austrian and Chinese artists in the context of the larger project “Where are we now?”



Where are we now?

Digital – Real 2021: Austrian-Chinese art and culture projects in the anniversary year

1. Goal:

The project aims at connecting Austrian and Chinese artists who develop cross-border art projects in order to present them together, on both digital and physical platforms in the anniversary year 2021.

The **artistic encounters between artists from both countries** should be based on **current social developments, daily political events, trends and new technical possibilities**. Which topics, forms, contents and developments have connected and shaped the creation of art since the **establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries 50 years ago**? How were and are these reflected?

Austrian and Chinese artists and cultural workers from the fields of **fine arts, visual arts, literature, music, film and media art mirror the topics of a new millennium through interdisciplinary approaches**. **The focus of their works is the visualization of current challenges and innovative visions of the future.**

„Where are we now“ is an attempt to locate and reposition ourselves facing a new decade that has presented itself differently than expected in many ways:

- How are current events and politics reflected in art?
- How do expectations differ from the reality of the new decade? What would have matched expectations for the new decade?
- What differences to the last millennium come to mind first?
- How do they manifest in artistic works?
- Which of these can be used to actively shape the future?
- In what form did artists and creators react to the current situation?
- Has clarity on certain topics been achieved so far?

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2. What's in for the artists:

- **Interdisciplinary** exchange with colleagues in an international context
- Presentation of their works on internationally visible platforms, social media, and in the press
- **Connecting** with artists in both their home and partner country
- Possibility of future **follow-up projects** through their contributions in 2021
- **Documentation** of the activities and projects in China and Austria

3. Submission criteria:

You may apply for project funding if you fulfil the criteria below:

- Artists who work in the fields of visual arts, literature, music, film, media art or cross-disciplinary.
- Artists who were born in Austria or who have lived here for five years.
- Artists who were born in China and are planning projects with Austrian artists.
- Either an academy degree in a relevant field or other proof of previously completed artistic projects are required
- No age restrictions apply

4. Submission documents:

- Project description and information on the respective cooperation partner
- Overview of previous work: work folder as PDF, CV, list of exhibitions (for visual artists), list of publications for writers
- Detailed budget (from which a maximum of EUR 5,000 can be contributed by the Austrian Cultural Forum Beijing). Funding may only be used for the conceptualization and/ or creation of the artwork itself and may not be used for per diems or other cost.

5. Process:

- ⇒ **Submission deadline: 31. December 2020**
- ⇒ **Mid / end January:** Announcement of selected projects
- ⇒ Project realization until **end of December 2021**

6. Applications:

Please ensure that your project applications meet the following formal criteria:

- ⇒ Applications must be submitted in either English or German
- ⇒ **CVs** of all participants involved as well as fulfilling all above **submission criteria**
- ⇒ **Budget for the entire project** may not exceed EUR 5.000,--
- ⇒ **Format: pdf**, Videos in **mp4**; kindly transfer larger files via WeTransfer

The submission is only made digitally in PDF format! Please send your project application to the following address: peking-kf@bmeia.gv.at | Subject: "Project application Where are we now 2021 First name, Last Name"

The team of the cultural forum of the Austrian Embassy in Beijing will be happy to answer any questions you may have about project applications.

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