

# Open Residency Program 2025



Camino Al Arte, A.C. is pleased to detail below the specifics of our Open Residency Program 2025 for writers and artists in visual arts, literature, performing arts, digital arts, and cinematography. Casa Camino is located in the historic town of Atotonilco, 20 minutes from the center of San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, in central Mexico

## Winter-Spring 2025

Minimum 2-week residency between January 12 to May 4

Happening in the area:

- San Miguel International Writers' Conference (February)
- Art Week in Mexico City (February)
- Public celebrations for Holy Week and Easter (April)
- Temperatures 24–29C high 6–11C low

Deadline for applications **December 10, 2025** 

### **Summer 2025**

Minimum 2-week residency between June 15 and August 17

Happening in the area:

- Guanajuato International Film Festival (July);
- International Music Festival (August);
- Schools are off in July; families on vacation.

Deadline for applications **April 11, 2025** 

## Fall 2025

Minimum 2-week residency between September 14 and December 14

Happening in the area:

- Colorful Mexican Independence and San Miguel festivities (September)
- International Cervantino Art Festival in Guanajuato (October)
- Day of the Dead celebrations (November)
- U.S. expats celebrate Thanksgiving
- Traditional Christmas posadas (December)

Deadline for applications **July 25, 2025** 





#### **Residents Enjoy**

- Privacy and tranquility in a rural environment, surrounded by mesquite trees
- A 40m2 well-lit studio for private use
- Two full-time resident artists or writers stay at the residency at a time.
- Private bedroom, bathroom and kitchenette
- Shared dining room, reading room and laundry
- Daily breakfast, lunch subsidy and basic food provisions
- Access to workshop and print shop, plus free or lowcost use of other local metal and woodworking shops, gym and/or dance facilities
- Use of shared vehicle (gasoline not included)
- Introductions with local arts leaders and ad hoc curatorial support
- Policy for visitors, children and/or accompanying pets
- Quick access to historical, recreational and religious facilities

#### Community

During their stay, residents may or may not have other artists living on campus, depending on selected time of residency. Residents will be able to participate in exhibitions, presentations, workshops, open studios and other activities organized periodically by Camino Al Arte.

Residents are invited to enhance their cultural exchange experience by dedicating a small fraction of their time to leading a workshop, creative project or talk for the local community. Residents might donate a piece of their completed art work for future sale or auction, benefiting Camino Al Arte, A.C.

#### **Program cost**

\$900 USD per week (or its equivalent in Mexican pesos).

At this time we do not offer stipends or financial support for our Open Residency program. Artists whose applications are accepted must arrange their own funding to cover the residency fee and round-trip transportation from their place of origin to San Miguel de Allende.

On occasions we consider half or full scholarship to artists who propose other ways to create value for the residency, a nonprofit organization.

#### **Application**

The selection process is carried out by a group of representatives of the local arts community. Please send the following documents in PDF to info@caminoalarte.org:

- Brief introduction letter or email
- Updated CV
- Portfolio, in PDF format, no more than 10 pages, including brief descriptions of your projects. Music, video or digital art files will be submitted through GoogleDrive or Dropbox. If portfolio exists on a website, providing a link to it is sufficient.
- Brief proposal of a workshop or community activity that you might like to lead

#### **More information:**

Contact: info@caminoalarte.org