

*foundationClass

In May 2018 *foundationClass starts with a new group at weißensee academy of art berlin.

Do you want to start studying art or design in Germany or do you want to continue your studies here?

And have you fled to Germany and/or applied for asylum in Germany?

*Then apply for the *foundationClass 2018!*

weißensee academy of art berlin is happy to announce that a new group of *foundationClass participants will start their work in the summer semester 2018.

The programme is geared towards people:

- who have fled to Germany and/or applied for asylum
- and who had planned to start studying art or design in their home countries,
- or already started such a degree programme,
- or who plan to switch into such a degree programme.

The *foundationClass group of 2017 will work together from April 2017 until the end of the year.

The programme will be divided into two parts:

The first part of the programme will feature lectures, workshops and excursions led mainly by professional artists, scholars and activists who themselves or whose families have migrated to Germany.

During the first part you will have the possibility to arrive at the school, get to know many other people and experiment and get to know different mediums and practices. Together we want to formulate art historie(s), that include the Global South/East, as well as your experiences without using labels such as “refugee” or “migrant”.

Together we want to find answers to the question of how an art school of the future would look like if it genuinely recognised migration as an essential societal factor.

In the second half of the programme (winter semester, starting in October) we want to take all that we have learned and prepare applications for German art and design academies. In different workshops (painting, sculpting, digital media, design, drawing etc.) we will support you in creating a powerful portfolio with which you can apply in 2019.

To realise these goals weißensee art academy provides its entire infrastructure, including workshops, materials, as well as support with bureaucratic problems.

The *foundationClass 2017 strives to open up a social space within weißensee academy of art within which knowledge and artistic and design practices are not consumed, but questioned and where new forms of knowledge and practice will be produced collectively.

Duration and Expected Time Requirements

The *foundationClass group of 2018 will work together from May 2018 until beginning of 2019. The *foundationClass is a rather intense and time consuming programme. Classes take place most of the days during the afternoons, so you will have time to attend your German courses in the morning.

Who should apply?

Anyone who:

- has come to Germany and has applied for asylum (please note that the outcome of the application, or whether the process is finished or still ongoing is not relevant),
- is interested in art and/or design,
- is 18 years or older,
- is ready and motivated to participate regularly in the programme - please note that participation in the second part of the programme will depend on regular attendance of the first part
- has working knowledge of English and/or German - please note that for an application at an art academy sufficient German skills are mandatory

What is the application process?

Please send us the following:

- a CV, including personal information, contact information and your previous study and/or work experience
- a personal letter outlining your motivation and interest in participating in the *foundationClass 2017
- a proof of your (temporary or not) residence status (Gestattung, Duldung, Aufenthaltserlaubnis)
- **Please submit your complete application until March 15th to:**
foundationclass@kh-berlin.de

or to

weißensee kunsthochschule berlin
Referat Studienangelegenheiten/*foundationClass
Bühringstr. 20,
D-13086 Berlin

- Invitations for interviews will be sent via e-mail or mail
- The interviews will presumably take place in April

Fees: None

Status at School: Participants will register as visiting students.

Duration: May 2018 till beginning of 2019

For more information on the programme see www.foundationclass.org
<http://www.kh-berlin.de/projekt-uebersicht/Project/overview/foundationclass-2051.html>
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