

FIELD TRIP: Call for Applications

»Field Trip« – A transdisciplinary residency program between Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior and Akademie Schloss Solitude

The Max Planck Department for the Ecology of Animal Societies (EAS) and the international artist residency [Akademie Schloss Solitude](#) in Stuttgart have established a residency program to foster interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and perspectives between the arts and sciences. In the framework of the bilateral program, scientists of the Department for the Ecology of Animal Societies will be able to visit Akademie Schloss Solitude for a six-week period. Former fellows of Akademie Schloss Solitude will have the opportunity to stay at the Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior for a six-week period.

IDEA

Since 2022, »Field Trip« offers an adventure of going to a new place, the experience of being in a different environment and an opportunity to experiment with ideas. It is encouraged to come on the field trip with a plan, but like any other field trip some flexibility is required to reshape the ideas with the experience. Please find more information on the »Field Trip« program, including past fellows and events here: <https://www.ab.mpg.de/590312/field-trip>

CONTEXT

Akademie Schloss Solitude is an international fellowship program that supports young artists in the fields of architecture, visual arts, performing arts, design, literature, music/sound, time-based as well as web-based media. Since 1990, more than 1,750 fellows from over 120 countries have used the Akademie to realize and develop their artistic work and projects. In the framework of the program *art, science & business*, the Akademie has also been promoting the interdisciplinary dialog between the fields of exact sciences, humanities and economic sciences since 2002. It is internationally regarded as an important and innovative funding institution supporting young artists. You can find more information about Akademie Schloss Solitude [here](#).

ORIENTATION

The Akademie will host a researcher from the EAS department for a period of six weeks in the autumn of 2025. The researcher will have the status of a »cooperation fellow« and will have the opportunity to interact with the fellows' community and be part of the Akademie's program. In return, EAS will host a fellow from the Akademie as a guest visitor for a minimum period of six weeks in early summer 2025. The fellow will be treated as a »guest scientist« and will have the chance to interact with scientists, attend scientific discussions, group meetings, and other events.

The outcome of this exchange between the artists and researchers can be shown publicly in the framework of an exhibition, online documentation, or any other kind of format and event, both at the Akademie and the MPI-AB. It is important to know that there is no obligation to produce results. Participants are welcome to create something if they choose, but it is entirely optional.

REQUIREMENTS

- Scientists from the Department for the Ecology of Animal Societies may apply for the six-week residency at Akademie Schloss Solitude
- Individuals of all ages may apply for the fellowship
- Good language skills in English are necessary

BENEFITS

- The stay at Akademie Solitude amounts to six weeks
- A combined fully furnished apartment studio provided by the Akademie
- For the duration of the residency the scientists will have the chance to connect and collaborate with the other fellows at the Akademie and attend internal and external events
- The scientists will also be able to use equipment and facilities (metal and wood workshop, VR and Audio-Room) upon timely request and subject to availability
- One-time expenses incurred by the fellowship holder traveling to and from Stuttgart from their primary residence will be covered by EAS

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

The application material is submitted online and should include:

- A letter explaining your motivation for coming to Akademie Schloss Solitude and how you want to engage with the artist community at the Akademie (max. 1 Din A4 page)
- A short biography and documentation of previous scientific research

All documents should be sent in PDF-format via e-mail to Carla Avolio:
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The next six-week fellowship will be awarded for the period
September 15 to October 31, 2025

Application deadline: January 7, 2025, 24:00 CET/MEZ

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