

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

COMMON GROUND

Art in the Lab

Science in the Studio

As part of a collaboration with scientific institutions, the Schering Stiftung offers grants of up to EUR 38,000 as well as practical support for the realization of projects at the intersection of art and science.

The Schering Stiftung promotes the life sciences, the contemporary arts, as well as scientific and cultural education. A key focus of the Foundation's activities is on projects at the intersection of science and art. The Foundation aims to promote the dialogue between disciplines. It wants to create a space for new ideas and inject creative ideas into society.

»Common Ground« for the first time offers scientific institutions based in Germany an opportunity to realize transdisciplinary projects in cooperation with the Foun-

dation and to present them at the exhibition space of the Schering Stiftung. The exhibition – plus, ideally, a related transdisciplinary symposium – will provide a platform for the dialogue between art, science, and society.

We want to invite scientific institutions that are interested in or have experience with transdisciplinary projects to plan and realize an exhibition project together with us. We actively support the process by contributing our know-how as well as material and personnel resources.

Deadline: January 15, 2021

Requirements

Eligible are natural science institutions employing scientists who

- ... are interested in entering into a dialogue and collaboration with artists,
- ... want to engage in discussions about their research topic with society at large, and
- ... are curious about a change in perspective.

Institutions that already have an existing scientist-artist collaboration are also eligible.

What we offer

- years of experience with transdisciplinary projects and their project management idiosyncrasies;
- selection of a suitable artist through joint match-making or realization of a “call for artists” including final selection through an expert jury;
- support in designing and developing a 10-week exhibition at the exhibition space of the Schering Stiftung in Berlin starting in the fall of 2022; curatorial support; festive exhibition opening and supervision of the exhibition by trained staff;
- contribution of up to EUR 20,000 to production costs and artist fees;
- joint thematic and conceptual coordination of PR work; access to our transdisciplinary mailing group for PR work and contribution to material costs;
- funding of up to EUR 3,000 for a scientific events program related to the exhibition;
- optionally (desired): joint conception and realization of a symposium at the intersection of science and art during the course of the collaboration; to this end, it is possible to apply for an additional EUR 15,000 after the start of the project.

What you offer

- providing the artist with access to your research institute;
- active collaboration and regular exchange – e.g., by involving the artist in work processes and providing him/her with insights into the institute’s structures;
- funds to support travel costs, artist fees, and PR work as well as material costs and infrastructure for the artistic research at the institute; and
- ideally, contribution to the production costs of the exhibition and/or a publication.

Application documents

- Application form (PDF on our website: www.scheringstiftung.de)
- A sketch (2,000 words max.) with a description of the project idea including:
 - introduction to the research topic
 - discussion of the key issues, including their relevance for society, technology, and culture
 - description of how the artist will be involved in the institute
- CVs and brief motivational letter (1 page DIN A4 max.) of the participating scientists

- Budget: Please list the financial and human resources that your institution can contribute (e.g., rooms, funds for PR work, travel costs, etc.).
- Implementation plan: Let us know how you envision the artist's involvement timewise. What time periods and timeframes seem to be most feasible based on your daily routines? Would you have a preferred date for the exhibition? What time periods would not work for you?
- If you already have an active collaboration with an artist, please send us the CV(s) of the artist or artist collective responsible for the project and, if applicable, up to five images, schemata, renderings, etc. (JPEG or PDF) that give us an idea of your project or provide insight into the work of the artist(s). We also accept video files (MOV or MP4) of up to 5 minutes.

Format

- Documents can be submitted in English or German.
- Please submit your application by e-mail only, and collate all necessary documents into one PDF file (10 MB max.).
- Please send your application documents to Maren Isabel Fritz, fritz@scheringstiftung.de.

Auswahl

The grant decision will be made by the Foundation Council; a decision is to be expected in April 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Applying Institution

Name _____
Address _____

Contact person _____
Telephone _____
Email _____

Research Focus

Topic _____
Research Field _____
Keywords _____

Project

Earliest project start _____
Own financial resources (in €) _____

Scientist(s) in charge

male female diverse
First & Last Name, Title _____
Address _____

Email _____

male female diverse
First & Last Name, Title _____
Address _____

Email _____

(Please list any further scientists in the documents.)

Artist

A public call for artists, or a recommendation by the Schering Stiftung is preferred.

OR:

There already is an existing art-science cooperation:

male female diverse

First & Last Name, Title _____

Adress _____

Email _____

(Please list any further artists in the documents.)

How did you come to know about our call?

Privacy

All personal and project-related information will be processed, saved, and used by the Schering Stiftung only for the purpose of processing your application. Your information may be used in anonymized form for statistical purposes and reports. We will forward your application to third parties only as part of our review process and will point out that your information must be treated as confidential.

Place, Date _____ Signature _____