## ésam <sup>Laboratoire</sup>

# Research residency at the Laboratoire Modulaire

## Call for application 2025

As a higher education institute, école supérieure d'arts & médias de Caen/ Cherbourg trains creators in the fields of art, graphic design and art publishing.

ésam Caen/Cherbourg combines training and research and develops two research programs: - the practice-led PhD program RADIAN, in partnership with the École supérieure d'art et design Le Havre-Rouen and the École nationale supérieure d'architecture de Normandie within the ComUE Normandie-Université;

- the research residency program at the Laboratoire Modulaire, dedicated to theoretical reflections and artistic practices in digital environments.

### ésam Caen/Cherbourg invites applicants for the artistic research residency in 2025-2026 at the Laboratoire Modulaire.

Initiated in 2019, the Laboratoire Modulaire intends to question the notion of «spatialization» by exploring the constantly evolving relationships between digital devices and the design of spaces: immersive environments (sound or visual), virtual reality, augmented reality, crossed reality... Its aim is to design new forms of sensitive interaction within physical, virtual and hybrid spaces in order to create environments, ecosystems and digital territories involving the body. This research will analyze the various perceptual, aesthetic and sociological processes involved in the new forms that our spatial intuitions can take. The laboratory's research is led in partnership with Le Dôme - innovation & sciences lab (www.ledome.info), Oblique/s, arts & digital cultures platform in Normandy (www.oblique-s.org), Station Mir/festival jinterstice[ (www.festival-interstice.net) and Haute-Alsace University (www.uha.fr)

Laboratoire Modulaire is supported by the French ministry of Culture.

#### Artistic profile and research framework

The call is aimed at artists conducting a research related to the issues raised by Laboratoire Modulaire and working on digital practices and technologies. A public presentation of the project will be expected at the end of the residency. The artist-researcher will participate in Laboratoire Modulaire's activities: meetings with the team, artistic and research events, invitations to artists, theoreticians, researchers, etc. He/she/they will also have the opportunity to be part of the organization of such activities.

The residency is dedicated to the implementation of a research project. However, because of the close links between research and pedagogy of an art school, pedagogical interventions may take place and will be the subject of a specific agreement.

#### Material conditions

The research residency will run from autumn 2025 to autumn 2026. It is provided with a grant of 10,000 euros which includes remuneration, production costs, transport and per diems (it will be paid in two instalments, two thirds at the beginning of the residency, one third at the beginning of 2026).

The organization and schedule of the residency will be agreed upon at the beginning of its implementation. A regular presence will be expected, representing at least the equivalent of eight weeks. Accommodation is possible, subject to availability in the school.

ésam Caen/Cherbourg will provide the researcher with a workspace and will facilitate access to all its equipment (within the framework of their operating procedures), as well as to Le Dôme FabLab. ésam Caen/Cherbourg is committed to ensuring the communication of the project and supporting the researcher in his/her/their search for new partners

#### Application form

The application must include:

- a one to two-page proposal presenting the research project and proposed activities during the residency

- a curriculum vitae
- a portfolio (pdf file of 20 MB maximum and/or link to a website)
- any other document necessary for understanding the project
- a provisional timetable.

Applications must be submitted using the form: https://formulaires.esam-c2.fr/index.php/824379?lang=fr

#### Call schedule

Deadline : March 14, 2025 at 6p.m. Interviews : May 12, 2025 in Caen Publication of results : May 16, 2025

#### Information

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#### Archives and documentation

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