

WORKING SPACE at CERCCO 2025 – General conditions

Introduction

CERCCO is the centre for experimentation and realization in contemporary ceramics of Geneva University of Art and Design (HEAD).

It is a competence centre that encourages its users to experiment with the artistic and technical possibilities of ceramics and polymers.

1 – Residency

CERCCO is inviting applications for two 3-month residencies in the form of a working space¹ provided free of **September 22th until December 5th 2025**.

This offer is open to designers, artists, architects and ceramists wishing to experiment and to carry out a specific project (producing works for an exhibition, development of a design project, research with ceramic materials, etc.)

2 – Admission criteria

- Open to designers, artists, architects or ceramists who have been professionally active for at least two years after the end of the studies.
- Project proposal that includes the main research who has to be compatible with the spatial and technical possibilities of the CERCCO studios.
- Each project is to include a research phase, followed by the resident independently executing their project.

3 – Jury

The jury comprises:

- Several members of the teaching staff of CERCCO and of HEAD – Geneva

¹ The residency workspace is located in CERCCO's general workshop. A surface area of around 16m² is reserved for each resident.

4 – Awarding of residencies

The Directress of HEAD – Geneva will award the residency on the basis of a proposal from the jury. The jury can, if necessary, refuse to allocate the residency. The deliberations of the jury are strictly confidential and there is no right of appeal on the part of the candidates.

5 – Deadlines and Application Documents

Application documents for the residency should be sent by e-mail to the following address until **March 16th 2025**, midnight – to: magdalena.gerber@hesge.ch

Thanks to gather the following documents in form of **a unique PDF_file (Size A4 / Max 5Mo)**:

Wordet: **Field_ LAST NAME_Firstname_2025** (Fields: Art, Design, Architecture, Ceramist)

Example: **Art_BROWNSWORD_Youri_2025**

1. Completed application form
2. Description of proposed project (max 2 pages)
3. Portfolio of previous works over the last 5 years + CV (max 10 pages)

6 – Accommodation and expenses

HEAD - Geneva does not offer accommodation.

But the resident can contact:

- [Fondation Bruckner](#) and ask the disponibility of the [Studio](#).
- [Embassy of Foreign Artists](#), hotel(@)eofa.ch, the priceing depens of the rented room.

The cost of accommodation, meals, travel and the transport of works of art is covered by the resident.

7 – Participation in implementation costs

HEAD – Geneva will contribute CHF 4000.- maximum to assist with the resident's project implementation costs, corresponding to the provision of materials, raw materials and firing. Any supplementary project implementation costs are to be met by the resident and will be invoiced to him/her at the end of the residency.

8 – Communication and compulsory reference

At the end of the residency, the resident will submit to HEAD – Geneva, free of charge and free of rights, professional quality photographic documentation, as well as an explanatory text on the project. (FR/EN)

The name of HEAD – Geneva / CERCCO must be systematically mentioned in any dissemination of the project carried out during the residency (exhibitions, publications etc.) according to terms to be agreed in particular cases or by the compulsory reference:

“Produced at CERCCO of HEAD – Geneva © PhotoCredits”

The mentions [@cercco_head](#) and [@headgeneve](#) in Instagram publications is expected.

9 – Ownership of the works

The works remain the property of the resident.

HEAD – Geneva reserves the right to select – in agreement with the participant – one piece for its collection. This piece will be in the property of HEAD-Geneva

Instead of contributing a piece to the collection, the resident has the option, following discussions and agreement with the CERCCO coordinator, to create a limited edition for the [HEAD-Store](#).

10 – Insurance and visas

The resident is responsible for covering the costs and following the necessary administrative procedures with the Swiss authorities to obtain the visas and/or residency permits required for the duration of the residency.

The resident must have individual health and accident insurance cover as well as personal liability insurance. These documents must be provided to the head of CERCCO before the start of the residency.