

Application form -1 Residency 2026

Please fill in the form below if you are interested in being an artist- or researcher-in-residence at -1, Nieuwe Instituut in 2026. The deadline to apply is **Friday 14th November 2025**.

About the -1 Residency Programme

The -1 artist- and researcher-in-residence programme runs each year, and is aimed at practitioners who are in the process of embarking on new research and/or making trajectories that they have not tried out before. This could mean: exploring a research question or methodology that is new for you, or tinkering with new modes of making and presenting work, especially within a larger institutional setting. The proposed project idea or trajectory should demonstrate a clear relation or intersection with digital culture.

Practical information for 2026

The residency in 2026 will run for around 5 months, between **1st February - 30th June 2026**. A maximum of four practitioners will be invited to take part. As a -1 resident, you will form part of a loose community of fellow residents, and a larger constellation of researchers and cultural professionals active within and around Nieuwe Instituut. You will have access to use -1 as a tinkering and showcase space within museum opening hours (including extended opening hours on Thursday), access to various working spaces within Nieuwe Instituut, and will receive a degree of technical guidance and assistance in relation to developing your work and installing it in the space.

While this residency offers space for a self-directed trajectory, throughout the residency months there will be scheduled moments for the residents to meet with each other and with the -1 team, as well as with external practitioners that can provide expert guidance in relation to your ongoing project. You will also be actively encouraged to contribute to -1's [are.na page](#), where we collect research documentation related to -1. Here, you can also find information about research projects carried out in the past in -1. The residency will culminate in a showcase event around the end of the residency period, that will also serve as a moment of public presentation and engagement.

The selected residents will each be awarded a budget of **€3,250** to spend over the duration of the residency, which you can allocate towards your project as you see fit. This should also account for the production costs of an exhibition component (this can take multiple forms) that will be shown in -1 during and in the months following the residency period.

Since this residency involves a prominent spatial and community component, in that it is heavily oriented towards a physical presentation and the opportunity to develop your project as part of a wider community, we especially encourage applicants who are based in or within reasonable travelling distance to Rotterdam.

The application and selection process

Once you apply via the form, you will receive an email confirmation that your application has been received. The deadline to apply is **Friday 14th November 2025**. All applications will be reviewed within 1-2 weeks after the application deadline closes. Soon after then, all applicants will be informed of the outcome via email.

If you have any questions, or require more information about the residency, please contact the -1 team at -1@nieuweinstituut.nl.

For more information about -1, you can visit our [website page](#), or follow -1 on [Instagram](#).

What is your name?

What is your email address?

Where are you currently based?

**Tell us more about your project proposal for -1, and its relation to digital culture.
(in max 500 words)**

What would you like us to know about you and your practice? (in max 400 words)

How do you think that a residency at -1 within Nieuwe Instituut can help you in terms of positioning your practice in the field, and achieving your goals as a practitioner? (in max 200 words)

Which skill(s) or area(s) of practice would you like to focus on developing during the residency?
(in max 150 words)

What kind of expert advice and guidance do anticipate that you will need the most throughout the residency? (in max 150 words)

What is your website url?

And social media handles, if you'd like us to check out your work on there?

Please send this filled in form, allong with any possible additional material to support your proposal (such as a CV or portfolio, a video, or other documentation) to -1@nieuweinstituut.nl

We look forward to receiving your application!