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Do you work in the field of design, textile design, architecture, art, literature, performing arts, or interdisciplinary projects, and have a strong interest in textile production and its context? Then the TaDA Artist-in-Residence program offers you the unique opportunity to collaborate with renowned textile companies and research institutions in Eastern Switzerland.

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## About TaDA

TaDA – Textile and Design Alliance is a cultural promotion program of the cantons of St. Gallen, Appenzell Ausserrhoden, and Thurgau. It enables experimental and innovative engagement with the textile and design culture of Eastern Switzerland and is conducted in collaboration with textile companies rooted in the region. TaDA annually offers six national and international personalities a work residency in Switzerland. The residents develop projects in the fields of art, design, architecture, literature, performing arts, or in interdisciplinary contexts. As program partners, textile companies and institutions from Eastern Switzerland provide know-how and technology. This gives the residents the opportunity to carry out practical artistic work and applied research. The partners, in turn, count on creative exchange with the invitees. The work results are presented to the public at various events.

## About the open call

The residency is aimed at artists and creatives from all disciplines with a demonstrated interest in the textile industry, textile culture, and sustainability. Basic technical knowledge of textile production is an advantage. Projects with a pronounced experimental approach are particularly welcome. The connection to the TaDA partners must be included in the project drafts.

## Benefits

- Apartment in Arbon (private room, shared use of kitchen and bathroom), in close proximity to Lake Constance
  - Workspace in the former textile and engine factory Saurer AG (3 minutes from the apartment)
- Respect for personal living space and the needs of fellow residents is expected in both the shared accommodation and the workspaces.*
- Coverage of travel costs
  - Contribution to living expenses (CHF 2000 / month)
  - Professional advice and exchange with 13 partner companies and organizations, selective use of their infrastructure
  - Individual professional support by textile designer Martin Leuthold, the TaDA team, and external experts if needed

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## Residency periods 2025

- April to June 2025
- September to November 2025

## Languages

Good knowledge of English or German is required

## Deadline

September 2, 2024, 23:59 CEST

## Application Materials

Applicants are requested to submit the following documents online as a PDF:

- Portfolio with CV
- Project draft with a clear reference to Eastern Swiss textile production: max. 1 A4 page PDF including at least 4 images illustrating the idea or process (sketches, technical drawings, other visual representations)
- Here is the application form: <https://form.jotform.com/TaDAresidency/tada2025>

## Decision announcement

Early December 2024

## Jury

- Martin Leuthold, textile designer, St.Gallen
- Sandra Mbanefo Obiogo, curator and expert in the creative industry, Nigeria
- René Rossi, scientist, Empa
- Barbara Signer, artist, St.Gallen
- Ursula Steinhauser, Office for Culture of the Canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden
- Domenica Tischhauser, textile technician, Tisca Tischhauser AG

*Two jury seats are vacant and will be filled shortly*

## Partners

Empa  
Filtex AG  
Lobra AG  
Lässer AG  
Rigotex AG  
Saurer Museum  
Schoeller Textil AG

Sitterwerk  
Switzerland Innovation Park Ost  
Textilcolor AG  
Textildruckerei GmbH  
Textilmuseum St.Gallen  
Tisca Tischhauser AG