



Practicalities for the Fellowship

Grant

The grant includes an economy class flight to and from the Villa, free accommodation at the Villa during the Fellowship, and a monthly stipend of 1800 Euros for a full Fellowship, or 1000 Euros for a shared Fellowship. A limited amount of funding may also be obtained for local projects based on availability and approval by Los Angeles and Berlin. An interruption of the stipend during the stay for more than two weeks is not allowed.

Quarters

The 3-month residencies are distributed by quarters (January-March, April-June etc.) , the fellows' art sectors distributed in a balanced manner throughout the year. We make every reasonable attempt to consider personal preferences but expect flexibility regarding the residency periods. We reserve the right to grant a given scholarship to another aspirant, if you are not available in a certain quarter. The Villa Aurora residency cannot be extended and cannot overlap between two quarters.

Accommodation

For the duration of your stay you will be provided with a private room and bathroom, your own telephone (landline) and desk. All fellows may share Lion Feuchtwanger's spacious study and other common rooms. The scholars purchase their own food and prepare their own meals in either of the two fully equipped kitchens.

We urge you to consider that our fellows are guests in a historic landmark building. Smoking is prohibited inside the entire building to protect the furnishings and precious books. Also, this region of Los Angeles is a fire hazard zone and we must insist on your keeping to the assigned smoking areas.

The Villa Aurora is situated in a remote residential area in the Santa Monica Mountains. Public transportation can be tedious and insufficient, we strongly recommend to bring a valid German or International Drivers License and purchase, rent or share a car with fellow Villa residents. The Villa staff will be happy to assist you in the process.



Visits

According to board decision your life partner may visit up to three weeks and we charge a proportionate contribution towards expenses (water, electricity). Please inform us before your arrival, if and during which period you are expecting such visit.

Due to security restrictions, Villa Aurora cannot accommodate more than seven residents. To maintain a serious and hospitable working environment for all of our fellows, we unfortunately cannot accommodate children and families.

Insurance

Proof of health and liability insurances valid for the residency period in the United States of America needs to be submitted by the grant recipient to the L.A. office before travel. Villa Aurora does not assume responsibility or provide any such coverage. In order to avoid double insurance we recommend you consult your insurance company - your current contract may already include the required coverage.

Immigration

A machine-readable passport is required to enter the U.S., passports issued after 2006 have to be electronic. A regular tourist visa is sufficient for stays up to 90 days. If you are planning to stay longer or do not hold a German passport, you will need to obtain a B1/B2 visa. See

<http://www.usembassy.de/germany/visa/index.html> for current information.

Please notice that an Online registration is necessary:

<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>.

Taxes

The fellowships are tax exempt according to § 3 Nr. 44 EStG .

Press

The German Federal Foreign Office advises the scholars that, “when making public statements, especially to the press, please appropriately credit the Federal Foreign Office for its sponsorship”. For film scholars credit should go to the Federal Government Commissioner for the Culture and the Media.

Termination of the scholarship

By accepting the scholarship the grant holder agrees to send an experience and activity report to the Forum Berlin with copy to Villa Aurora LA immediately after his or her residency. The Forum forwards this report to the Federal Foreign Office. Please find a sample report enclosed for your information. The Forum also requires your air ticket receipts after completion of your trip as well as an informal confirmation stating that you received the scholarship installments.