

DOC'S KINGDOM

Open call for curatorial proposals to the programming of Doc's Kingdom - International Seminar on Documentary Cinema | 2023 Edition

GUIDELINES

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1. About the call

Doc's Kingdom - International Seminar on Documentary Film is accepting international applications to select the programmer of the 2023 Edition, which will take place in the municipality of Odemira - Portugal, from November 30 to December 5. Applications can be sent until August 10, 2023.

2. About the Seminar

Doc's Kingdom - International Seminar on Documentary Film has been organized since 2000 by Apordoc - Associação pelo Documentário. Every year it brings together around 100 participants and 10 guest filmmakers from all over the world in an intensive and immersive program. For a week - and outside their usual contexts - participants divide their time between daily film sessions followed by discussions, the encounter with the territory it takes place, the local community and its natural and cultural heritage.

For more than 20 years, Doc's Kingdom has created a unique context for training several generations of filmmakers, film enthusiasts, and people interested in thinking about the world through cinema. To promote intergenerational dialogues and encourage the engagement of new audiences, Doc's Kingdom brings together established and young filmmakers, an international community of curators, artists, programmers, distributors, critics and researchers. Each Seminar is a unique journey that proposes a dialog between the authors present and a collective and horizontal debate open to all participants.

More information at www.docskingdom.org

3. Guiding principles of the 2023 Program

Doc's Kingdom 2023 seeks to develop a program that intertwines contemporary issues and challenges through critical, authorial and inclusive perspectives of cinematic practices.

The Seminar aims to stimulate a program interested in addressing technologies, corporealities, bio-logics or diverse notions of time and space and reflect on the intersections and multiple narratives of film production.

Established and/or emerging programmers can participate in the public call without restrictions on nationality or country of residence.

In search of a collaborative integration and the establishment of creative links between the programming, the direction and the local community that holds the Seminar, the candidate must be available to spend periods in Lisbon and/or Odemira from September to November 2023 (on dates to be agreed), in addition to being in Portugal between November 20 and December 6, 2023.

The full Seminar Program will be developed by the selected candidate, based on the Project proposed in this Call and in dialogue with the Doc's Kingdom director, as part of the 2023 Edition actions, which include engagement with the local community and the Alentejo territory.

4. Eligibility

Applicant

We accept applicants from any nationality and country of residence.

To be eligible for the development of the Doc's Kingdom 2023 Seminar Programming, the applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be over 18 years old;
- Have participated in at least 01 edition of Doc's Kingdom;
- Have programming experience of at least 03 projects;
- Be available to:
 - Participate in (online) selection interviews between August 20-24, 2023.
 - Spend seasons in Lisbon and / or Odemira in the period from September to November 2023 on dates to be arranged
 - Be in Portugal between November 20 and December 6, 2023.

Project

To be eligible to participate in the Doc's Kingdom 2023 Seminar Programming selection, the submitted Project must meet all the following criteria:

- Establish relations with the Portuguese political-environmental-socio-cultural context and/or with Portuguese cinema;

- Contain at least 01 representative of Portuguese cinema (works by Portuguese directors and/or residents in Portugal) in the Program;
- Be written in Portuguese, Spanish or English.

5. How to apply

Deadline and Application Form

- Applicants must complete the application form and its attachments via [this link](#) by August 10, 2023.
- Form link: <https://tinyurl.com/bbep2333>

Project

The application must submit the following documentation:

- Proposal abstract and main artistic lines of the program to be developed (up to 8000 characters)
- Motivation letter (up to 6000 characters)
- Curriculum / Portfolio of the candidate
- Description of 03 previous experiences in film programming/curation
- Notes:
 - The final programming to be developed by the selected applicant must be completed by October 2, 2023 and include works by 5 to 8 directors;
 - In addition to the information you wish to include, the Motivation Letter and/or the Proposal Summary must mention:
 - How the proposed program relates to the history of the Seminar and/or why Doc's Kingdom 2023 is the ideal venue to host it;
 - Brief analysis on how the proposed program dialogues with contemporary national or international cultural landscape.

6. Deliverables

The selected programmer should:

- Ensure a coherent, current, relevant artistic identity in both national and international contexts;
- Develop the programming design in permanent, critical and creative dialog with Doc's Kingdom director;
- Ensure, together with the director, deep articulation between the artistic, political and organizational aspects of the Seminar;
- Represent, together with the director, the seminar in all necessary circumstances, according to the values of the Seminar and Apordoc;
- Ensure an effective dialogue between the production and the invited directors, whenever needed, both in terms of passing on information and decision-making;

- Ensure, together with the director, that the working conditions of the Seminar team follow the values defended by Apordoc and the necessary respect in all working and/or collaborative relationships.

Specific tasks to be performed:

- Build within the agreed deadlines, the Programming of the Doc's Kingdom 2023 edition, in accordance with the guiding principles of this Call (Item 3) and with the identity of the seminar, both from an artistic and political point of view, which ensures its relevance and quality;
- Ensure, with the help of the production team, the presence of all the programmed directors and artists;
- Create, together with the editorial team, all the necessary elements for the publications (physical and digital), as well as other publications.

7. Fees & Conditions

The selected programmer is entitled to:

- Honorarium of 4000 € (plus work accident insurance)
- Accommodation in the city of Lisbon and/or Odemira in periods to be agreed. The staying will be in basic, comfortable and functional structures, such as artistic residences or shared apartments.
- Transportation Lisbon-Odemira-Lisbon during the event and for preparatory visit.
- Accommodation and meals in the city of Odemira for preparatory visit and during the Seminar

Note: The programmer must have his/her own laptop for the development of the work. In Lisbon, he/she should work based at Apordoc - Associação pelo Documentário.

8. Selection criteria

- Address the Guiding Principles of this Call for Proposals
- Contemporary relevance and transdisciplinarity
- Feasibility of the proposal presented in the abstract
- Demonstrated ability to implement previous curatorial projects
- Potential of the project to generate public debate and social engagement
- Performance in the interview (pre-selected candidate/s)
- Analysis of 02 professional references (requested to the pre-selected candidates)

9. Timeline

- Opening of applications.....18/07/23
- Deadline for receipt of applications.....10/08/23
- Interviews with pre-selected candidates.....21-24 /08/23
- All applicants are notified of their application status.....28/08/23
- Start of programming work.....04/09/23
- Completion of programming.....02/10/2023

- Support to Planning, Organization and Editorial Development (regarding the dialogue between Programming and Production)03/10/2023 to 28/11/2023
- Participation in the Seminar in Odemira.....20/11/2023 to 06/12/23
- Delivery of final report.....18/12/2023

10. General information

- The selection process will be made in consultation with the Apordoc Board. The final decision is made by Apordoc, the Doc's Kingdom direction and a committee appointed by it, and no further appeals are possible.
- Questions and doubts will be answered exclusively through the e-mail docskingdom@docskingdom.org. All queries must be sent by August 8, 2023.

Lisbon, July 18, 2023.

