Overview

Objective
TheMuseumsLab is a pioneering knowledge-exchange programme for joint learning and continuing education concerning the future of museums in Africa and Europe. As a platform for shared expertise and perspectives, TheMuseumsLab aims to build strong and lasting networks to not only change museums, but also to foster social change by addressing urgent issues such as social justice and climate change.

Who can apply?
African und European Museum professionals who have at least two years experience of working in the museum, heritage, or art sector.

What can be funded?
The participation in the complete programme of 2023

Duration of the funding
Programme activities will take place from May 2023 to November 2023.

May 2023: Programme kick-off and seminar module 1 (1 day, 1 week, online)
June/July 2023: Seminar module 2 and residencies (3 weeks, onsite Berlin/Europe/Africa)
September 2023: Seminar module 3 and project work (2 weeks, onsite Addis Abeba)
November 2023: Follow-Up (1 day, online)

Value
For the onsite phases the following programme-related costs will be covered by the DAAD:

- International and national transport
- Local public transport (also from and to airports onsite)
- Visa costs
- Health insurance (via DAAD group contract/reimbursement up to a certain amount)
- Accommodation
- Entrance fees (DAAD-organized programme slots)
- Daily allowance

The programme related travels and accommodations will also be organized and booked by the DAAD.

Selection
A committee of internal and external experts will review applications.
The selection criteria are:

Professional competencies and experiences

- At least two years experience of working in the museum, heritage or art sector
- Focus on programme relevant topics
Potential of the applicant

- Motivation: professional and personal reasons for the participation in the programme
- Prospects: Significance of the participation in the programme for further professional and personal development

Personal skills

- Flexibility
- Creativity
- Innovativeness
- Open-mindedness
- Ability to question established structures
- Desire to hold a leading position and to act as a multiplier

Language skills

- Sufficient English skills (Level C1)

Commitment to the programme

- A prerequisite for the selection of a candidate is her/his/their binding commitment to participate in all phases of The MuseumsLab. The quality of the programme depends on fellows’ participation in all events and continuous work on topics across three modules and intense exchange, both among themselves and with the speakers and lecturers. Employer must provide of letter of consent and approved leave for training purpose.

Further information

The programme was developed by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Museum für Naturkunde Berlin (MfN), the Master’s Programme in Museum Management and Communication at the Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Berlin (HTW) and the African consultancy group The Advisors.

It consists of a seminar (three modules), residencies at European and African partner museums and a project phase. It will start with an online phase (kick-off and module 1) in May 2023, continue with the first presence phase (module 2 in Berlin, residencies at European and African partner museums) in June 2023 and close with the second presence phase (module 3, project work in Addis Abeba) in September 2023.

You can find an overview of partner institutions that hosted fellows in the framework of The MuseumsLab 2021 & 2022 here. [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/2022-09-14_final_list_partnermuseums_mlab.pdf]

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

- Currently working in the museum, heritage or art sector
- At least two years working experience in the museum, heritage or art sector
- Sufficient English skills (Level C1)
- Place of residence at time of applying must be in Africa or Europe
Your application cannot be considered if you are an alumna/us of TheMuseumsLab programme.

Language skills
Sufficient English Skills (Level C1)

Application Procedure

Application documents
Please upload the following documents via DAAD portal:

1. Application Form TheMuseumsLab 2023 [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/2022-09-1_final_application_form_new.pdf] (mandatory, in English); by uploading it to your application, please select the attachment type "programme specific application form"
2. CV (mandatory, in English)
3. Letter of Recommendation (mandatory, in English)

- Degree Certificates (in English if available)
- Information about former or current work projects (in English)
- Language certificates (in English if available)

Application deadline
The Application Deadline is on Monday, 7 November 2022

The programme is expected to start in May 2023.

Contact and Consulting

Information and advisory centres
Government Liaison Office Berlin
DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
German Academic Exchange Service
im WissenschaftsForum Berlin am Gendarmenmarkt
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For further questions please contact mlab.berlin@daad.de [mailto:mlab.berlin@daad.de]

More detailed information
Please check the attached documents (Call for Application [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/2022-09-28_final_call_for_application.pdf]) for further information.

For latest updates please check the website regularly: TheMuseumsLab [https://themuseumslab.org/]

Please also take note of our important scholarship information [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/].

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