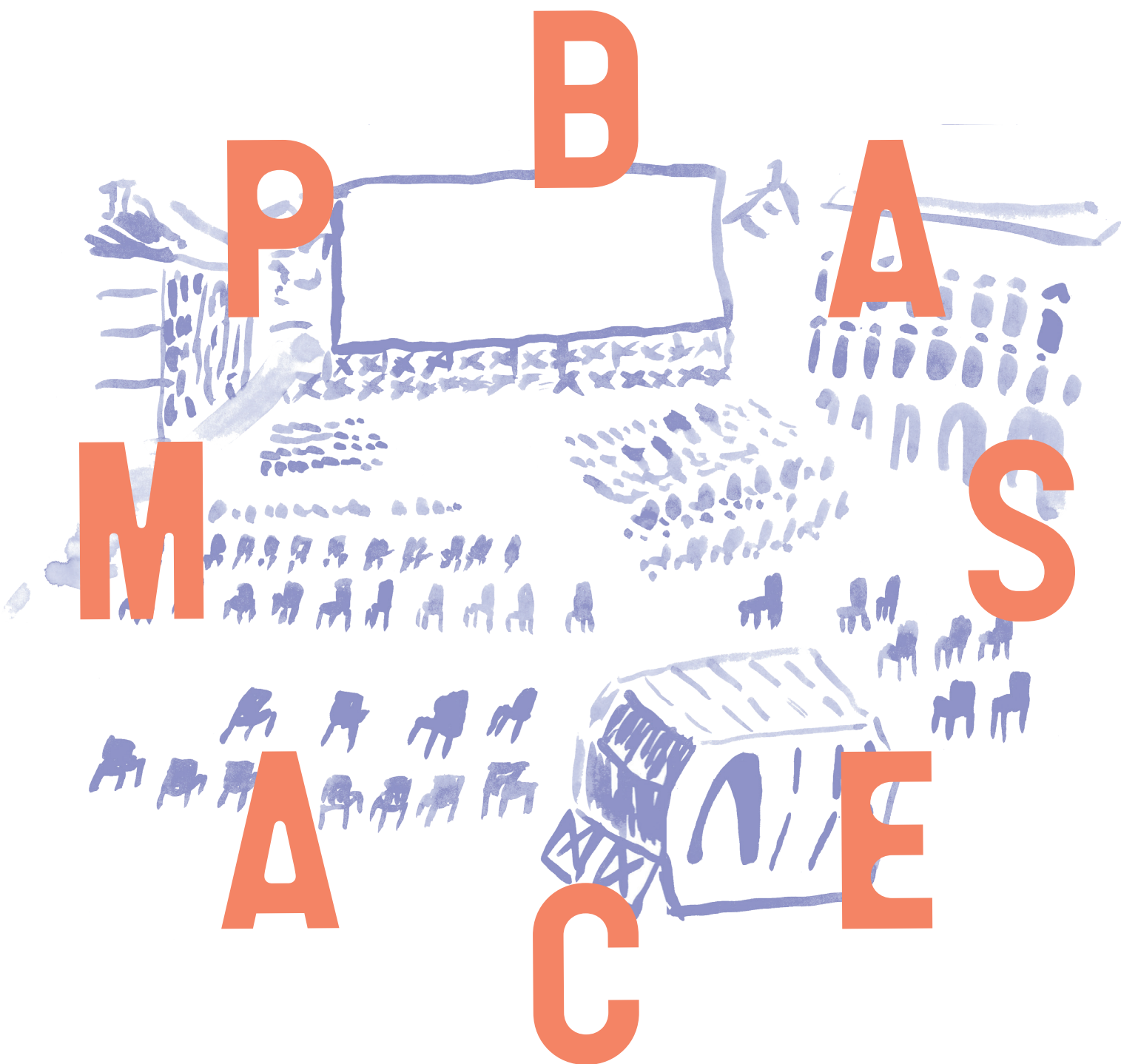


Open Call 2025

All you need to know to submit
your application to BaseCamp!



This Must Be The Place

This booklet is intended for participants who are selected through the open call only.

Accommodation details apply exclusively to participants chosen through the open call. Thanks to our collaboration with various art schools and national and international cultural organizations, many participants will be invited, and different accommodation arrangements will be available for invited guests.

What is BaseCamp?

BaseCamp is an open space for experimentation, created for emerging talents eager to explore new languages and share projects in a multidisciplinary context. Through encounters, performances, and media crossovers, BaseCamp is a place for exchange and growth, offering a unique opportunity to experience the Locarno Film Festival up close.

Who can apply?

BaseCamp is open to emerging talents between the ages of 18 and 35. We are happy to consider exceptions, but minors are not eligible. We're looking for filmmakers, photographers, musicians, designers, stylists, writers, performers, scientists, and all those who work across disciplines or defy labels.

How do we select candidates?

BaseCamp welcomes around 200 young talents each year. While many participants are invited through partnerships with schools and national or international cultural institutions, others are selected through an open call. This booklet is intended for open call applicants only.

Costs, accommodation and conditions

Accommodation

If you are considering applying to the open call, if selected, you will stay at Collegio Papio's campus in Ascona. You will be hosted in shared triple rooms, each with a private bathroom and shower, and you will enjoy a lovely terrace overlooking the lake and mountains. Daily breakfast is included.

Costs

The participation fee is CHF 600 and will only be paid once your spot has been confirmed. Please note that this is not a fee for accommodation or individual services. Rather, it is a contribution that covers your whole BaseCamp experience, including 11 nights of lodging, daily breakfast, shuttle service, accreditation to the Locarno Film Festival, and access to all BaseCamp programs and activities.

What's included?

- 10 nights of accommodation in a triple shared room with daily breakfast included.
- Clean sheets and blankets upon arrival.
- Accreditation for all screenings and public events of the official program of the Locarno Film Festival.
- Access to the BaseCamp main program and the BaseCamp Academy.
- Free shuttle service between BaseCamp Accommodation (Collegio Papio in Ascona) and the Festival venues from early morning until late at night.
- A pass for the entire duration of your stay that gives you free access to all public transportation.

What is not included?

- Towels and toiletries.
- Lunch and dinner. However, we understand that eating out every day can be challenging, that's why, when possible several dinners will be offered at BaseCamp PopUp.
- Your round trip to and from Locarno.
- Anything else that has not been included in the "included list".

Which dates shall I note down on my calendar?

- 11 days: August 6th-16th !
- Check-in: Wednesday, August 6th, from 12pm to 8 pm*
- Program begins on Thursday, August 7th, first day of BaseCamp activities and the opening session of the BaseCamp Academy. All selected participants will receive the full program shortly before the event.
- Check-out: Saturday, August 16 by 11 am*

* NB Late check-in and check-out are not available

Why 11 days?	<p>To make the most of the BaseCamp project, it's essential to understand it fully. This takes time and commitment. Staying for 11 days will allow you to fully enjoy the entire Locarno Film Festival, meet more people, and strengthen your connections.</p> <p>Also, consider that you will be in Ticino in the middle of summer, providing many opportunities to enjoy the region, including its lakes and valleys!</p> <p>Please note that partial participation is not possible. By joining the program, you commit to its entire duration.</p>
What does a typical BaseCamp day look like?	<p>When you wake up, you will be served breakfast with the other BaseCamp residents. This is an excellent opportunity to plan your day and meet new people. The day is packed with high-quality film screenings, meetings, events, and masterclasses. With your BaseCamp accreditation, you can attend the official Locarno Film Festival program and be free to shape your day as you please. You can also participate in the BaseCamp Academy, a diverse, multidisciplinary program featuring daily meetings with prominent figures in the cultural and intellectual fields on an international level.</p> <p>Remember that BaseCamp PopUp will be the place for all young creatives at the Locarno Film Festival.</p> <p>Every evening from August 7th to 15th, the BaseCamp PopUp becomes the heart of the experience, open to the public, with free access, affordable food and drinks. It will feature installations, performances, discussions, and concerts that encourage informal exchanges. This gathering space will be the meeting point for all talents from the factory and emerging creatives.</p>
If I get selected, how will the participants be assigned to rooms?	<p>The BaseCamp organizing team manages room assignments. We do our best to create a comfortable and inclusive environment for everyone. While we acknowledge and respect diverse gender identities, due to the logistical limitations of the accommodation facility, rooms will be assigned and divided into "female" and "male" sections. If you have specific needs or concerns, you are welcome to contact us at basecamp@locarnofestival.ch, and we'll do our best to support you.</p>
What happens if I have special needs or requirements?	<p>BaseCamp strives to be inclusive and accessible.</p> <p>If you have any specific needs or require accommodations, please contact us well in advance at basecamp@locarnofestival.ch so we can support you accordingly.</p>
Can I submit as a duo/trio/group?	<p>We're all about community and collaboration – but applications must be submitted individually.</p> <p>If you're part of a duo, trio, or collective, each member must apply separately. Due to the very limited number of spots available through the open call, we cannot guarantee that all group members will be selected or placed together. That said, feel free to mention your connection in the application; we'll consider it where possible.</p>
What kind of profiles are welcome?	<p>We value open-mindedness and a curiosity that spans multiple disciplines. While we don't expect participants to be actively creating works, we are interested in the perspectives, questions, and reflections they can share. It's not about specific fields, but rather about adopting a thoughtful and experimental approach to ideas and ways of seeing.</p>
Do I have to have a project ready to apply?	<p>No, you don't need to have a project to apply. BaseCamp is designed to be a space for conversation, experimentation and learning.</p>
How long should the motivation letter be?	<p>The length doesn't matter as much as the content and clarity.</p> <p>That said, one page is more than enough; focus on being transparent and specific about why you want to join BaseCamp and how you would contribute to its spirit.</p>

If you still have doubts or questions before choosing to apply, don't hesitate to contact us basecamp@locarnofestival.ch