



# Call for Applications

IDPool is looking for and welcomes eager, active and ambitious designers, artists, architects and other creative professionals to invite them for a 3 month long residency.

Besides the willingness to exchange ideas, IDPool offers accommodation, workplaces and the support of Vista Alegre's experienced craftsmen.

# IDPool International Design Pool

## ABOUT

IDPool is a creative laboratory and a production centre in the fields of porcelain, crystal, and ceramic that has the intention to stimulate the exchange of ideas and experiences between creative artists and high qualified professionals.

IDPool is supported by Vista Alegre Atlantis (VAA), a company with a long and distinguished history since 1824, and one of the most famous and prestigious brands in Portugal and aims to support young talent from around the world. We are offering a unique opportunity to develop projects in the confines of Vista Alegre charming ceramic factory located in Ílhavo, Portugal. Vista Alegre is a factory with a wealth of experience, dedication and knowledge in the production of ceramic products for decorative and tableware

## PROGRAM

The IDPool's aim is to be a professional, attractive and stimulating experience and to bring together creative people from all over the world to work in mixed groups, promoting design thinking through the presentation of ideas, debate and discussion.

The main goal is give shape to ideas and define a product development project down to the last detail, considering both the possibilities and limitations of the industrial manufacturing processes.

The participants will have the opportunity to manage the product industrialization process in its totality, succeeding in each project phase and collaborating with specialized professionals in a way that strengthens their research, conceptualization and communication skills.

A support team of engineers and technicians staff will offer advice and instruction in the use of machinery, equipment and tools.

Participants will be able to experiment all techniques and processes such as modeling, moulds, working with clay by hand, slip casting, glazing, aero graphing, hand-painting, decal development and printing.

Participants will be guided in the development, production and execution of their project, all the way to the final product.

# Eligibility & Applications

## ELIGIBILITY

Professional and emerging product designers, graphic designers, artists, architects and other creative professionals are invited to apply for IDPool participation.

All candidates should be highly motivated and enthusiastic with excellent communication and organizational skills.

### **AREAS**

Ceramic design, craft ceramics, product design, surface pattern/textile design

### **LANGUAGE**

English and/or Portuguese

### **LENGTH OF TIME**

IDPool residency period is variable between 1 to 3 months.

Residencies are available throughout all the year (except August).

### **SCHEDULE**

Monday to Friday, full-time.

## APLICACIONES

- Curriculum Vitae and short bio;
- Portfolio work: 5 - 10 works samples from the last 3 years;
- A copy of Identity Document/ Passport

### **APPLICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

email: [alda.tomas@vaa.pt](mailto:alda.tomas@vaa.pt)

### **OR TO OUR ADDRESS**

IDPool

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# Terms & Conditions

## ASSESSMENT

Participant's selection is made by a committee that will judge technical challenge, originality and innovativeness of the work/portfolio and relevance of the projects submitted by the application.

The selection committee is composed of a varying group of Vista Alegre members. All applicants will receive an answer shortly after evaluation.

## SAFETY AND INSURANCE

Participants are responsible for their personal safety, and will be charged for any damage caused to other persons, facilities, equipment, etc.

Please make sure that you have valid international work, health and accident insurance during your stay.

## DESIGN RIGHTS

All the participants will sign a contract . Vista Alegre will only retain the design rights for products we want to produce. We will offer a royalty of 1% on sales at net ex factory prices on the decoration element of any products that we produce from the designs made while in the IDPool.

## VISA

Participants from non-European countries must apply for a short stay visa at the Portuguese embassy or consulate in their home country. This visa is valid for 90 days, which is the maximum period of IDPool residency.

Participants should be aware that there is no time left to stay within the Schengen borders before or after the residency. The participant is responsible for the visa procedure.

# Accommodation & Facilities

## IDPOOL WILL PROVIDE

- Good quality, comfortable accommodation with individual living space, connected with the workspace, in two renovated and fully equipped beautiful houses that in the past belonged to the Vista Alegre factory workers that can accommodate 12 persons.
- A shared workspace to freely focus on their craft as well as ample opportunity to engage with the support of Vista Alegre craftsmen.
- Wireless internet access for all resident participants. Participants should bring their own laptop and adaptors for projectors, printers, scanner etc.
- All the meals during the week at the factory canteen. Breakfast and weekend meals are not included.
- Transportation from and to Lisbon & Oporto airports to IDPool facilities.

**IDPool  
residency  
is free.**

# Location & Surroundings

IDPool's facilities are beautifully situated in an old village call Lugar da Vista Alegre in the small town of Ílhavo approximately 45 minutes of Oporto and 2 hours from Lisbon. This idyllic village is surrounded by an area of natural beauty with the Aveiro lagoon located on the Atlantic coast of Portugal.

## HOW TO GET THERE

### FROM OPORTO AIRPORT

Around 1H30 hour journey (metro or taxi + train to Aveiro).

### FROM LISBON AIRPORT

Around 3H00 hour journey (taxi + train to Aveiro).

### TRAIN

Oporto - Aveiro  
Lisbon - Aveiro

**In Aveiro**  
**20m journey**  
**(bus or taxi to Ílhavo)**

**Apply  
Now!**