



## The Arctic Circle 2026

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### **Upcoming Expeditions:**

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International Territory of Svalbard

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International artists and scientists of all disciplines, architects, and educators are invited to apply.



The Arctic Circle 2026 takes place aboard an ice-class expedition sailing vessel in the international territory of Svalbard, a mountainous Arctic archipelago just 10 degrees from the North Pole.

The Arctic Circle expeditions provide the opportunity for artists and innovators to pursue their personal projects on board while exploring collaborations with the expedition's fellow participants.

Our vessel and home during our time in the remote Arctic, a traditionally rigged Schooner, is equipped with workspace, common areas, and ample room for privacy, productivity, and creativity.

The Arctic Circle participants are provided with the full support of a working expedition; ship and crew, all on board facilities, meals, shore excursions, transportation and accommodation while in our port of embarkation, Longyearbyen, Svalbard.

Please visit <https://theartcticcircle.org/> for full program details.

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### **Participation**

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Included are:

- Hotel accommodation, within program dates, pre and post sailing, Longyearbyen, Svalbard
- Transfers from airport to hotel, and hotel to ship, Longyearbyen, Svalbard
- Accommodation on board from our point of departure to return
- All meals on board
- All shore excursions
- Access to on board facilities

Selected participants are responsible for transportation to/ from Longyearbyen, Svalbard.

Selected participants are provided with the full support of a working expedition, and are provided a list of required items and appropriate dress to bring, and provided in-depth, comprehensive assistance in all areas of expedition preparation and logistics planning.

The ship is equipped and certified for Arctic waters. The Captain and crew are fully qualified and experienced in high-Arctic sailing.

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### **Application Guidelines for Individuals, The Arctic Circle 2026**

Program costs are subsidized in part by The Arctic Circle and our partners, and in part by participant fees. The Arctic Circle commits to keeping the participant fees to a minimum. The individual participant fee for The Arctic Circle 2026 is: \$8850 USD.

We assist selected participants with their fundraising efforts. The applicant's ability to work with funders to realize projects should be reflected in the application.

Applications are vetted by jury based on artistic/ scientific merit, and project description (where applicable).

**To apply:** We ask applicants to submit all materials by email only to: [apply@theartcticcircle.org](mailto:apply@theartcticcircle.org). There are no application fees.

**Application Deadline is: 11:59pm (EST) July 15, 2025**

### **Artists & Scientists Please Provide:**

- A letter of interest, PDF (~300 words).
- A letter of reference (preferably from a related arts, educational, or science institution). The letter of reference may be included with application materials or sent separately by the author, by email, to [apply@theartcticcircle.org](mailto:apply@theartcticcircle.org).
- Resume and short Bio, PDF, include applicant's URL if applicable
- For visual artists; examples of previous work, approx. 8- 10 JPEG images sized and labeled appropriately. **See page 05 for instructions.**
- For scientists: provide an abstract of proposed project, PDF (~300 words)
- For artists; provide project details, PDF (only if a specific project is the focus of your participation).
- Complete contact information, PDF, including physical address
- Written acknowledgment of the participation fee (\$8850 USD) and the applicant's commitment to meet financial requirements, PDF. In this acknowledgement please indicate if you are applying for a specific expedition, or if you wish to be considered for any expedition.

Applicants may provide separate PDFs for application materials, or combine all materials into a single PDF.

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### **Work sample guidelines:**

- JPEG images should be accompanied with full description; Title, work dimensions, media, and year. Image descriptions may be on the images provided or listed on a separate document (PDF) with corresponding numbers to the images provided. Preferable maximum JPEG image size is 1Mb/ image.
- Video work may be submitted as part of an application. We prefer to receive a URL where the work may be viewed on-line. Or other common digital format files may also be submitted by email as part of the application.
- From writers, we accept writing samples (PDF). As all submitted materials are reviewed please provide a manageable amount. As a general guideline consider less than 3,000 words total.
- From musicians and composers, URLs, audio files (common digital formats) are accepted for work samples.
- Applicants may provide separate PDFs for application materials, or combine all materials into a single PDF.

### **Note to all applicants:**

-All applicants will receive email confirmation of your complete application being received. If you do not receive confirmation by July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, please contact us at:  
[info@theartcticcircle.org](mailto:info@theartcticcircle.org).

-1<sup>st</sup> round jury results (shortlisted applicants) are announced by email on or before August 15, 2025. Final selection will take place during the following weeks. Selected participants will be responsible for a deposit toward the participant fee, of \$2500 USD, 30 days post selection.

-All applicants will be informed of jury-selection results. We look forward to reviewing your submissions. Please contact us with any questions about The Arctic Circle program at  
[info@theartcticcircle.org](mailto:info@theartcticcircle.org).

-If applying with a collaborator (maximum group of three 3, total) each individual must provide a complete application, to be submitted separately, by email, from the applicant, and indicate in the Letter of Interest that it is a collaborative application, and name the fellow applicants.

**Available positions in our 2026 programming are limited. In order to accommodate applicants of interest we have introduced a policy wherein jury-shortlisted applicants may be issued an invitation to join the following year's (2027) expedition program.**