

MANIFESTA15 Barcelona Metropolitana 2024

Manifesta 15 Mediator Vacancy

What is Manifesta?

Manifesta is a European Nomadic Biennial which rethinks the relations between culture and society by investigating and catalysing positive social change in Europe through contemporary culture in dialogue with the social sphere of a specific place. Since 1996, Manifesta takes place in a different European city every two years. Manifesta 15 will take place in the Metropolitan region of Barcelona in 2024.

About Manifesta 15 Barcelona Metropolitana

Artists, urbanists, activists and scientists, in close dialogue with other social agents, want to address contemporary issues by moving away from immobilising discourses and pushing us to action. With a multidisciplinary approach rooted in the social, political, historical and environmental context of the Barcelona metropolitan region, Manifesta 15 aims to engage in an exercise of collective imagination in the face of contemporary struggles over cultural rights in times of ecosocial transition addressing three main themes in three different geographical clusters: *Balancing Conflicts*, *Cure & Care* and *Imagining Futures*.

About Education and Mediation Programme at Manifesta 15

Having the principle of mediation at the core, the programme goes beyond conventional institutional categories and proposes projects with a foreseen legacy, that combine research, artistic practice, pedagogy, mediation and community work. The Education and Mediation Programme evolves from a collaborative research process shaped by encounters with various local actors. This research delves into previously overshadowed or overlooked aspects of local educational and cultural histories and practices.

For Manifesta 15, the research delves into the educational renewal movements in Catalonia that play a crucial role in comprehending the impact of education and pedagogy on ecosocial transformations, both preceding and succeeding the dictatorship period in Spain. The research laid the groundwork and evolved into a series of interconnected projects and programmes titled *Fora per fer escola*, which will take on various shapes such as artistic projects, publications, professional networks, architectural interventions, mediation and public programmes.

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The mediation programme will offer a collective critical perspective on Manifesta 15's projects, their contexts and impact.

Mediators

The Education and Mediation Department of Manifesta 15 is looking for 11 motivated individuals to become mediators and join the biennial team from September to November 2024. The team of mediators will work in the framework of Manifesta 15 Education and Mediation Programme at the main venues of the biennial and other public spaces.

The mediators will facilitate activities of the programme including dialogue-based tours and workshops in the biennial venues as well as outreach programme of *Fora per fer escola*.

The mediators are expected to undertake a compensated professional training (weekends, 3rd-5th of May, 31st-2nd of June, 5th-7th of July and 9th-11th of August) and co-develop the mediation programme together with the Education and Mediation team of Manifesta 15.

Primary responsibilities

- Mediating the content of Manifesta 15 based on individual and collective research of the biennial concept and programme.
- Developing and facilitating mediated tours and workshops at the main biennial venues for local, national and international public.
- Developing and facilitating mediation activities for various groups including family programmes, school tours and workshops, community groups, professionals, etc.
- Developing and facilitating special mediation projects in non-art settings, working closely with various communities.
- Participating in the development and the evaluation process of the mediation programme.

Required skills and experience

- Good understanding of cultural, environmental and urbanistic landscape of Barcelona and the metropolitan region.
- Working experience and critical stand in relation to the themes mentioned in the biennial concept.

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- Working experience on community work, participatory processes and/or educational projects.
- Native Spanish and/or Catalan.
- At least B2 level of English. Other language skills are highly appreciated.
- Ability to recognise and appreciate diversity.
- Experience in engaging diverse audiences in sharing opinions.
- Genuine desire to develop, learn and adopt new mediation skills and methodologies.
- Sense of humour and strong communication skills.
- Excellent organisational and teamwork skills.

Terms and Conditions

Training period contract (3rd of May – 27th of August 2024) 7'5 h/week.

Biennial period contract (28th of August – 27th of November 2024) 30 h/week.

Flexible time schedule (including weekends) is required during the biennial period.

Working location: main Manifesta venues in Barcelona, occasional activities in Badalona, Cornellà de Llobregat, El Prat de Llobregat, L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, Granollers, Mataró, Sabadell, Sant Cugat del Vallès, Santa Coloma de Gramenet, Terrassa and Sant Adrià de Besòs.

Salary

30,000 Euros gross annual salary, pro-rated in employment contract up to 30 h per week.

Successful applicants are expected to undertake paid training over four weekends on the 3rd-5th of May, 31st-2nd of June, 5th-7th of July and 9th-11th of August.

Application

Please send your letter of motivation and CV in English before the 29th of March 2024 to m15education@manifesta.org mentioning MEDIATOR in the subject of the email. Interviews will take place between the 12th and the 16th of April in Barcelona or online.

Interviews will be conducted by Yana Klichuk, Head of Education and Mediation, and Elena Blesa Cábez, Mediation Coordinator, or Jordi Ferreiro, Education Coordinator.

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Selection criteria

Experience 40%
Education 10%
Languages 20%
Interview 30%

Manifesta is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration regardless of race, religion, colour, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, status as an individual with a disability, or other applicable legally protected characteristics. This policy applies to all conditions of employment including hiring. Manifesta operates under the Fair Practice Code of Solidarity, Trust, Sustainability, Diversity and Transparency which means Fair Chain, Fair Share and Fair Pay.

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