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The International Center of Photography Announces the PSA–Inlaks Photography Residency

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The International Center of Photography (ICP), in partnership with PhotoSouthAsia (PSA) and the Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation, is pleased to launch the PSA–Inlaks Photography Residency at ICP in New York City, a new international residency opportunity designed to support the creative and research-based practices of emerging Indian photographers and researchers. The program will bring one selected resident to New York City for a two-month residency at ICP in spring 2027 with the goal of offering access to ICP’s educational resources, collection materials, professional staff and public programs to further a project relevant to the global photographic community. The residency is intended to foster critical inquiry, artistic experimentation,



and international exchange through access to ICP's educational programs, collections, facilities, and community. During the residency, the selected participant will receive mentorship from ICP curators, educators, and librarians; access to ICP's darkrooms, studios, media labs, library, and museum collections; and opportunities to engage with ICP's public programs and broader photographic network.

Open to Indian citizens aged 35 and under, the residency is intended for emerging photographers, artists, visual storytellers, curators, writers, and researchers working with photography or visual culture who are seeking to advance a specific body of work, research project, or area of inquiry. Applicants must demonstrate a strong background in photography or photographic research and submit a portfolio, statement of purpose, and project proposal that articulate both the significance of their work and how they plan to engage with ICP's resources during the residency.

"We are honored to partner with PhotoSouthAsia and the Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation to welcome a talented artist or scholar from India to ICP," said Per Gylfe, Director of Education at ICP. "Photography has always been a powerful medium for fostering dialogue across cultures, and this residency reflects our shared commitment to supporting artists whose work expands our understanding of the world."

The residency will provide up to 24 hours of structured mentorship and access to ICP's renowned resources, including a library of more than 40,000 photographic publications and a collection of over 200,000 photographic objects and images.

"At PhotoSouthAsia, we are proud to offer this residency at the International Center of Photography in partnership with Inlaks," said Vasant Nayak, Founder of PhotoSouthAsia. "Together, we are creating an exceptional opportunity for photographic practitioners or researchers from India to engage with one of the world's leading photography institutions, fostering dialogue, creative exchange, and lasting connections with the global



photography community.”

“The Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation is pleased to extend support to emerging Indian photographers or researchers with the launch of this Residency at ICP, in partnership with PSA” said Azad Shivdasani, Chairperson of The Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation. Recognizing the growth that global creative exposure will spark for Indian photography practitioners, this opportunity further expands the scope of the Foundation’s support to the arts.

Through this collaboration, ICP, PSA, and the Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation seek to strengthen international connections within the photographic community and create meaningful opportunities for emerging practitioners from India to expand their research, artistic practice, and professional networks.

How to Apply

Applications for the inaugural Inlaks/PSA/ICP Artist/Scholar Residency Program are now open on the [ICP website](#). Applicants should be prepared to submit a portfolio or writing sample, a statement of purpose, and supporting materials outlining their practice and proposed direction. Applications are due by August 31, 2026. For eligibility requirements and application details, please see the application page.

About The International Center of Photography

The International Center of Photography (ICP) is the world’s leading institution dedicated to photography and visual culture. Cornell Capa founded ICP in 1974 to champion “concerned photography”—socially and politically minded images that can educate and change the world. Through exhibitions, education programs, community outreach, and public programs, ICP offers an open forum for dialogue about the power of the image. Since its inception, ICP has presented more than 700 exhibitions, provided thousands of classes, and hosted a wide variety of public programs. ICP launched its new integrated center at 84 Ludlow

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Street on Manhattan's Lower East Side in January 2020. ICP pays respect to the original stewards of this land, the Lenape people, and other Indigenous communities. Visit icp.org to learn more about the museum and its programs.



About PhotoSouthAsia

Recognizing that distinct voices uniquely express a visual language that deserves its own platform, PhotoSouthAsia highlights photographers from across the region. PhotoSouthAsia is interested in bringing practitioners from South Asia to the table with publishers, educators and curators, from within the region and beyond, to share ideas and expand possibilities through new introductions and broader exposure.



About Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation

The Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation, established in 1976, provides life-changing opportunities to young Indians of exceptional talent, character, and motivation. By seeking out and nurturing such talent, it aims for each personal achievement

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to benefit the individual and the wider world. It focuses on providing Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, Awards, Overseas Residencies and Internships across a wide range of subjects and endeavors, overseas and in India, to outstanding young Indians to develop their professional, scientific, artistic and cultural abilities. Over five decades, more than 1400 talented young Indians have been given different opportunities, and its alumni reflect the diversity of individuals supported. Today many are leaders in their chosen fields.



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