

Call for Participation – research trip “Open perspectives: Future-Oriented Museum Management in Brazil and Germany – Transformation, Governance, and Public Engagement”

Date: 17 - 26 June 2026

Location: Rio de Janeiro, Brumadinho/Belo Horizonte, São Paulo, Brazil

Application deadline: 11 May 2026, 10 a.m. CEST

Number of participants from German museums: 8

Working language: English

Partners: [Instituto Inhotim](#), [Instituto Tomie Ohtake](#)

Shaping innovation, developing future strategies, and connecting knowledge. This research trip brings together museum professionals from Germany and Brazil to exchange perspectives on new approaches to museum management.

The programme takes place in Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, and Belo Horizonte – three major cultural centres with distinct institutional models. Participants will engage with museums that combine science, the arts, and culture communications with future-oriented narratives, and work at the intersection of art, nature, and landscape. The trip also examines how institutions develop sustainable funding structures, public-private partnerships, and income-generating activities.

Through site visits, workshops, and discussions with local professionals, the research trip explores how Brazilian museums address social inequality, cultural

diversity, environmental change, and urban transformation, and how these approaches can inform collaborative museum practice.

Key questions:

- How do museums in Brazil navigate institutional and societal transformation in their governance, programming, and public engagement?
- Which funding models and income-generating strategies support long-term sustainability, and how do these approaches compare with those in Germany?
- How do museums integrate art, nature, and environmental themes into transformative institutional strategies?

What we offer:

- Accommodation and travel costs (from your nearest major airport)
- Meals throughout the programme
- An extensive programme including institutional visits, workshops, and networking events
- Insights into curatorial approaches and museum management strategies in Brazil
- Exchange with Brazilian and German museum professionals

Who can apply:

- You are currently employed at a museum or exhibition venue based in Germany and are part of the leadership level (e.g. director, managing director, head of administration, or head of department)
- Your work relates to institutional strategy, development, governance, or programming

Selection criteria:

- Professional experience in museum management, governance, or programming relevant to the themes explored during the trip
- Demonstrated interest in international cultural exchange
- Motivation to participate, and potential to foster long-term collaboration between institutions

How to apply:

Applications open on 15 April 2026 via our online application platform:

<https://museumsagentur.de/en/offers#international-programmes>

The application comprises:

- Information on the institution represented
- Statement of motivation and objectives
- Up-to-date CV or short biography

Programme information:

This research trip is part of the museum agency's "Open perspectives" programme. One of the programme's goals is to initiate cooperation by organising research trips to regions with dynamic museum landscapes and the facilitation of initial in-person meetings among international museum professionals.

Contact

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