



Academy of Theatre and Dance
Amsterdam University of the Arts

**ECOLE
DES
SABLES**
GERMAINE ACADMY

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Artistic Residency at Ecole des Sables

*Collaboration with the Bachelor of Education in Dance, department of the
Academy of Theatre and Dance Amsterdam (ATD)*

Who and What?

The **Ecole des Sables**, founded by Germaine Acogny, in partnership with the **Bachelor of Education in Dance of the Amsterdam University of the Arts (AHK)**, is pleased to announce a call for applications for an **exclusive artistic residency**. This residency aims to bring together African dancers trained in contemporary African dance for a unique pedagogical and artistic collaboration with AHK dancers and students.

To learn more about the Ecole des Sables, click [here](#), and about the Université des Arts Amsterdam, [here](#).

Selection Criteria

1. Training and Experience
 - 1.1. Previous training at École des Sables or a recognized institution in contemporary African dance.
 - 1.2. At least 2 years of professional dance experience with strong skills in both traditional and contemporary techniques.

2. Collaboration Ability
 - 2.1. Interest in artistic and pedagogical exchanges with 2nd and 3rd-year students from the Dance in Education study programme in Amsterdam.
 - 2.2. Ability to share knowledge while adapting to European pedagogical methods.

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3. Technical Skills
 - 3.1. Good knowledge of traditional dances from their country of origin.
 - 3.2. Ability to improvise and create collaborative choreographic works.

 4. Availability and Professionalism
 - 4.1. Availability to participate in an artistic residency at École des Sables from February 23rd to March 23rd , 2025 (arrival/departure).
 - 4.2. Ability to work closely with invited choreographers and teachers.

 5. Language Skills
 - 5.1. Fluency in French and a sufficient understanding of English to communicate with students from Amsterdam.

 6. Artistic Portfolio
 - 6.1. A presentation video (maximum 5 minutes) including a solo piece and group work.
 - 6.2. A detailed artistic CV and two letters of recommendation.

Application Package

Candidates must submit a complete application package by **7 December 2024**, including :

- A CV
- A letter of motivation
- A presentation video
 - *For the video, the ideal would be to present yourself and then dance in the same video: a self-introduction of one minute maximum in English or French followed by a solo improvisation of 2 to 3 minutes.*
 - The video doesn't have to be professional quality, it just has to be very clear, in a wide enough shot but close enough so that you can also see the gestures and the face.*
 - You can also submit a short extract of your own creation (3 minutes max).*
- Two letters of recommendation

Send your application to:

Ecole des Sables, Senegal

E-mail address: candidature@ecoledessables.org

Subject of email: Application for the Artistic Residency ATD | EDS 2025

Key Dates :

- Application deadline : **7 December, 2024**
- Selected candidates will be informed before: **1 January, 2025**
- Residency programme: **23 February to 23 March, 2025**



Costs

The costs for travel, housing, and food will be covered by the Amsterdam University of the Arts, ensuring that the selected dancers can fully focus on the artistic and pedagogical exchange.

This residency aims to foster cultural exchange and contribute to the mutual enrichment of African and European choreographic practices.

For more information, contact: candidature@ecoledessables.org