

# ICST Kompositionsstudio — Guide for Residents

Everything you need before and during your residency at the ICST Kompositionsstudio, ZHdK — in four steps.

Planning a residency or studio visit at the ICST Kompositionsstudio? Follow these four steps to arrive prepared and get the most out of your time with the 31-speaker Ambisonics system.

## ■ ■ Your path through the ICST Studio

Read steps 1–2 before you arrive. Steps 3–4 are for your time in the studio.

### 1 Get to know the studio

The ICST Kompositionsstudio at ZHdK houses a 31-speaker Ambisonics system, a large format mixing console, and a dedicated listening room. Read the overview to understand the space, the technical setup, and who to contact.

→ [Studio Overview](https://ambisonics.ch/blog/icst-composer-studio-overview/) (ambisonics.ch/blog/icst-composer-studio-overview/)

### 2 Prepare your laptop before you arrive

Install drivers, REAPER, the ICST plugins, and required extensions before your first session. This saves you setup time in the studio and ensures a smooth start. Includes macOS and Windows checklists.

→ [Pre-Installation Guide](https://ambisonics.ch/blog/icst-kompositionsstudio-pre-installation/) (ambisonics.ch/blog/icst-kompositionsstudio-pre-installation/)

→ [Plugin Installation](https://ambisonics.ch/start/) (ambisonics.ch/start/)

### 3 Load the speaker settings and decoder presets

The ICST studio uses specific speaker coordinate files and decoder presets configured for the 31-speaker layout. Load these into REAPER at the start of your session to get the correct spatial output.

→ [Speaker Settings](https://ambisonics.ch/blog/icst-kompositionsstudio-speaker-settings/) (ambisonics.ch/blog/icst-kompositionsstudio-speaker-settings/)

→ [All Downloads](https://ambisonics.ch/blog/downloads/) (ambisonics.ch/blog/downloads/)

### 4 Studio terms of use

Read the studio usage guidelines before your first session — booking procedures, equipment handling, session hours, and responsibilities. Required reading for all residents and visitors.

→ [Terms of Use](https://ambisonics.ch/blog/studio-terms-of-use/) (ambisonics.ch/blog/studio-terms-of-use/)

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