



The American Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces OneBeat 2019 Fellowship

Application Deadline: December 21, 2018

The American Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the OneBeat Fellowship for 2019. Now in its eighth year, OneBeat is cultivating a groundbreaking international network of leading artistic, technological, and social innovators in music. An initiative of the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in collaboration with the groundbreaking New York-based music organization Bang on a Can's Found Sound Nation, OneBeat employs collaborative original music as a potent new form of cultural diplomacy.

OneBeat brings 25 musicians (ages 19-35) from around the world to the U.S. for one month each fall to collaboratively write, produce, and perform original music, and develop strategies for arts-based social engagement. OneBeat begins with an opening residency, when Fellows collaborate to create original material, record new musical ideas, and incubate new projects. OneBeat fellows then go on tour, performing for a wide array of American audiences, collaborating with local musicians, and leading workshops with youth. After the completion of the program, OneBeat musicians return to their home countries to develop projects linked to a mutually-reinforcing network of music-driven social enterprises.

OneBeat is seeking applicants who excel in the following areas:

Musical Excellence & Innovation – A high level of performance, composition, improvisational, production and/or technological skill.

Social Engagement – Musicians who have used music to serve their communities or greater societies. This might consist of guiding young people in music education, addressing social-political issues, reviving dying musical traditions, etc.

Collaboration – Applicants' willingness to reach across cultural and musical divides in creating original music or re-interpreting traditional music, while respecting the essence of each tradition.

Participant Qualifications

- Applicants must be Palestinian residents of Jerusalem, the West Bank, or Gaza Strip.
- Applicants must be between the ages of 19-35.
- Musicians that have a strong commitment to their communities, and who are seeking new ways to engage in youth development, conflict resolution, overcoming cultural barriers, working towards more egalitarian and democratic societies, education, music therapy, and other ways in which music can serve the greater society.
- Musicians who demonstrate both an advanced proficiency in their musical work, and an experience with or interest in developing ways to use music as a way to improve their communities.

- Applicants must demonstrate basic English proficiency in order to participate in ensembles and creative sessions.

Important Note:

- Participation in the program is contingent upon the applicant qualifying for a J-1 visa to the U.S.
- Holders of American passports or green cards are **not eligible to participate** in this program.

Application Deadline and Inquiries: Please submit an online application through the OneBeat website at <http://1beat.org/apply/> by **December 21, 2018**.

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: For more information call 02-622-7107 or email Jerusalemexchanges@state.gov.

Gaza Applicants: For more information please email Gazaexchanges@gmail.com.