



## **1. OVERVIEW**

We are proud to launch the fifth annual GATHER Fellowship. The Fellowship is open to activists, artists, community builders, educators, entrepreneurs and others who are taking meaningful steps to address conflict and oppression in their communities.

### **Who are social innovators? Why is social innovation an important strategy for change?**

We define social innovators as people developing creative solutions to societal challenges. We believe social innovation offers a way of thinking, particularly the ability to see opportunity out of crisis, and practical set of tools that both individuals and groups can use to create change.

This might mean creating a brand new approach to a problem, or adapting and reimagining an old strategy for a new purpose. It is possible to be a social innovator within any professional field, or through the creation of something entirely new.

We are specifically interested in supporting people, projects, communities, and movements aimed at transforming conflict and fighting oppression.

### **What is GATHER?**

GATHER is an international community of people who use their individual and collective power to meaningfully change the systems that perpetuate conflict and oppression. As individuals, we recognize that change requires multiple approaches and each of us working in our way across all aspects of society. As a community, reaching beyond traditional boundaries and divides, we are a living example of the world that we are working to build.

Seeds of Peace launched GATHER in 2015 in order to deepen and accelerate the impact of our alumni and other changemakers who are taking action to transform conflict in and between their communities, either through their professional work or personal initiatives.

### **What does the Fellowship entail?**

- Two rounds of Intensive five-day program comprised of peer learning, professional skill-building, and networking with local experts. All associated costs are covered by the GATHER Fellowship.
- Participation in a series of virtual skill-building workshops and ongoing customized one-on-one coaching.
- Holistic project development combined with access to modest funding to help drive impact.
- Access to Seeds of Peace’s worldwide network of industry leaders and change-agents who will open the doors necessary to help make your work a success.
- International platforms and visibility to showcase and amplify your work.

**Fellowship timeline:**

Applications Due: November 1, 2019  
 Final Decisions: January 2020  
 Fellowship Incubator (Stockholm): March 27-April 1, 2020  
 Ongoing Virtual Programming: February-November 2020  
 Fellowship Closing: November 2020, location TBD

**How to approach this application?**

Please read through the questions carefully. Your answers do not need to be long, but they should be thoughtful and clear. Your responses should give us an insight into your hopes and dreams in addition to the practical steps and commitments you are taking to make them real. Where possible, provide data and stories that can bring your work, impact, and vision to life. Don’t be shy or modest; we want to hear about the uniqueness of your idea and your ability to advance meaningful change.

**Technical note:**

The application is divided into 5 pages. Upon completion of a page & clicking "next" the page will automatically be saved.  
[Click here for the entire application in PDF form for your review.](#)

**2. THE BASICS**

- 1. What is your full name?**
- 2. What is your primary email address?** (Please list the email we should use for correspondence.)
- 3. What city & country are you currently based in?** City:      Country:
- 4. What is your phone number, including country code?**
- 5. What is your gender?**

**6. What is your nationality and/or ethnicity?**

**7. Please list all passports you hold:**

**8. How old are you?**

**9. How would you describe your current/past involvement with Seeds of Peace?**

**(Check all that apply)**

- No previous involvement
- Participant in GATHER program
- Camper
- Counselor/Facilitator
- Delegation Leader/Educator
- Other (please specify)

### **3. GETTING TO KNOW YOU + YOUR PROJECT**

We would like to get to know you and your work. Whether you are involved in a campaign to change public opinion, an educational initiative, using the arts to advance change, or working in a non-profit/business context -- we will refer to this work from here on as "your project." We are open to working with "projects" of all types and all stages.

10. Personal Statement: Tell us who you are - what you care about, what keeps you up at night, and what drives you during the day.

(300 Word Limit)

11. What two things would you like to gain from this fellowship and why?

Please be specific: Community of Peers? Strategy? Funds? Media Exposure? Partners? Mentorship? OTHER?

12. In just a few sentences, tell us about your Project: What is the name of the Project? What problem are you trying to address? Where is the work located? What or who does the work focus on?

13. Your Approach:

Please share more about the specific problem you are working to address, and the approach or solution you are taking to do so.

(200 Word Limit)

14. Project stage of development:

Is the project still just an idea, or have you taken steps to bring it into reality? If the project is up and running, please share how long has the project been operating and what stage it is in?

(100 Word Limit)

15. Goals and Challenges:

Please describe your project's top three goals over the coming year, along with the key challenges that could prevent you from achieving your goals.

(200 Word Limit)

16. Funding & Budget:

How is the project being funded? What is your project's budget for 2020? (If there is no current funding or budget - please indicate that here).

17. There is a one-time fee of \$250 to support costs for the Fellowship program. All transportation, lodging, meals and other costs associated with the program will be covered. Scholarships are available based on need--if this Fellowship is something that speaks to you, please do not let the cost stop you from applying.

Please check the answer that best describes you:

- If selected, I am able to contribute the full \$250 fee.
- If selected, I will require a partial scholarship.
- If selected, I will require a full scholarship.
- Other

**Please share a personal and professional reference:**

Your reference should be able to speak to your character and your project.

Personal Reference:

Name:

Relation/Title:

Email:

Phone Number:

Professional Reference:

Name:

Relation/Title:

Email:

Phone Number:

**Please upload an updated copy of your CV**

**Upload a photo of yourself (headshot if possible)**