

2019 ISPA
**GLOBAL
FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**

GUIDELINES

OVERVIEW

The International Society for the Performing Arts' (ISPA) Global Fellowship Program provides one-year access to ISPA's extensive international network of arts professionals to emerging and mid-career leaders from the global performing arts community, with particular attention paid to applicants from developing economies. Participants join the ISPA membership and attend the New York ISPA Congress where they engage in the development and exchange of ideas with leaders from some of the world's most significant presenting organizations, performing arts organizations, artist management agencies, cultural policy groups, foundations, festivals and related professionals.

In considering applying, please be aware that the ISPA Congress is not a traditional arts market and opportunities for self-promotion are limited. This opportunity is intended for those working in the management of the professional performing arts. Performing arts professionals who are deeply committed to increasing the global connectivity of the performing arts industry, as well as those who take initiative in their own professional development, are most likely to benefit.

The Fellowship consists of four components:

Membership in ISPA	Fellows gain access to all member benefits including exclusive content on the ISPA website, newsletter, and social media
ISPA Congress	Fellows attend the New York ISPA Congress where they get the opportunity to engage in the development and exchange of ideas with leaders from the world's most significant arts organizations
Fellows Seminar Day	Fellows attend a one-day Seminar prior to the New York Congress where they meet the Fellowship cohort and learn from global industry professionals through a series of intimate conversations and workshops
Ongoing Networking	Fellows are paired with a current ISPA member at the New York Congress as part of ISPA's Community Building Program. Current members welcome Fellows to the Congress and help facilitate their participation.

Program dates:

2019 Program Dates January 7 – 10, 2019

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BENEFITS

Fellows receive:

- One-year ISPA membership with access to all member benefits
- Full Pass registration to the New York 2019 ISPA Congress (January 8-10, 2019)
- One-day Fellows-only Seminar prior to the New York Congress (January 7, 2019)
- Subsidy to assist with travel and accommodation expenses related to attending the Congress (subsidies do not generally exceed 2,500 USD)
- Introduction to a current ISPA member who will welcome the Fellow to the Congress and help facilitate their participation as part of ISPA's Community Building Program

ELIGIBILITY

The Global Fellowship Program seeks to engage leaders working in the management of all professional performing arts. ISPA accepts applicants from all regions of the world, with particular attention paid to applicants from developing economies.

Applicants must:

- Be currently employed/working in the professional performing arts;
- Have a minimum of five years professional experience in the performing arts field;
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance;
- Ability to attend and fully participate in the New York 2019 ISPA Congress, January 8 – 10, 2019, including the one-day Fellows-only Seminar on January 7, 2019; and
- Have received no more than two ISPA Fellowships in the past.

Please note: For the purpose of ISPA's Global Fellowship, the professional performing arts includes individuals working principally in the arts and culture sector either with organizations/institutions or as independent producers/managers. Generally those working within academia, education, community organizations, and independent artists are not eligible.

LANGUAGE

Participants must have a strong working knowledge of English to successfully participate in the Global Fellowship Program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Those interested in applying for ISPA's Global Fellowship Program must submit an application form online.

Global Fellowship Application Form | <http://bit.ly/19globalfellowship>

Deadline | **Friday, July 20, 2018 at 17:00 EDT (New York)**

This deadline will not be extended and late submissions will not be reviewed.

Applications are reviewed and selected by a committee including ISPA staff and members. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by **Friday, September 21, 2018**.

PLEASE NOTE: The application must be completed in one sitting as there is currently no way to save an application and return to it later. We recommend preparing your answers in advance of beginning the form. To do so, we have listed the information requested in the application on page 3.

Questions? Contact Nora Fleury, Program and Development Associate at nfleury@ispa.org or +1 (212) 206-8490 x201

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Below are the main sections of the application form. Please use this as a guideline to prepare answers prior to beginning the online application form.

Applicant Information | Applicants are asked to provide general contact information including name, organization, professional title, employer address, email, etc. and how they learned about ISPA and the program (50 words or less).

Personal Testimony | Applicants are asked to answer 4 questions (Each limited to 250 words or less).

Question 1 Tell us about what you are currently doing in relation to the performing arts and your aspirations/ objectives for the future both professionally and personally.

Note: The answer will be reviewed for “suitability”. A strong answer will further identify that your career/life stage is relevant to the Global Fellowship and articulate a clear connection between past experience and future goals.

Question 2 Why do you feel participating in ISPA at this time would be beneficial for you and/or your organization?

Note: The answer will be reviewed for “impact”. A strong answer will further identify the impact of your participation as an ISPA Fellow and the enhanced contribution you will make to your organization.

Question 3 What do you feel you will contribute to both ISPA and the Congress?

Note: The answer will be reviewed for “potential”. A strong answer will describe the international breadth/potential of your work and further demonstrate that you have a clear understanding of ISPA and the contribution you can make to the membership, congress, and performing arts globally.

Question 4 How will you share the knowledge gained through the ISPA Global Fellowship Program with the arts leaders in your community?

Note: The answer will be reviewed for “visibility”. A strong answer will further articulate an actionable plan or strategy for communicating the outcomes of your participation with broader audiences.

Needs Analysis | Applicants are asked to provide basic information about their organization and financial assistance required to participate in the program. Please be prepared to provide your organization’s annual budget; number of full-time staff (if applicable); stipend requested to cover travel, 5 days accommodation, and per diem related to participating in the program; the amount an applicant’s employer/sponsor would be willing to contribute toward supporting the applicant’s participation (particular attention is given to applicants demonstrating financial support from their employer/sponsor, though not required).

Employment History | Applicants are asked to upload their CV/Resume in PDF format (saved as lastname_firstname.pdf). Please also be prepared to select from a series of three multiple choice questions on the number of years you’ve worked full-time in the professional performing arts, your current organization of employment, and work function in the field.

References | Applicants are asked for the contact information of two professional references (letters not required). Please be prepared to provide their name, job title, organization name, phone number, and email.

Submit | Applicants may do a final review of his/her application by clicking on the “back” button on the bottom of each page. When satisfied, press submit. You will be redirected to the ISPA website where an **on screen** message will confirm receipt of your application. If you don’t get redirected to the ISPA website, please contact Nora Fleury at nfleury@ispa.org or +1 (212) 206-8490 x201 to ensure the application was received.

COST

There is no fee to submit an ISPA Fellowship application.

THANK YOU!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR APPLICATION