



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who qualifies for the Fellowship?

Fellowships can be **awarded to individuals** from any country and any background. The application will ask that Fellows demonstrate they have a team behind them that will enable them to implement their project. Fellows can present a formal organization as their team, but this is not a requirement. We will also consider Fellows who present an unaffiliated group as their team.

The **target audience for this Fellowship** is peacebuilders who wish to begin using technology, arts and / or participatory research. The training and support provided during the Fellowship is aimed at individuals with peacebuilding experience but with limited experience in technology, arts or research. Applications from technologists, artists or researchers who wish to begin working in the peacebuilding field will be considered, but may not be the best fit for this program.

What types of initiative are eligible?

Fellowships are awarded for applicants to **develop a concrete peacebuilding intervention through the fellowship**. You will be asked to outline the initiative in your application. We will not consider applications that request general capacity building or grant funding, but do not specify a concrete initiative they want to develop through the fellowship.

We define **peacebuilding** as an initiative that contributes to furthering a process of violence reduction, civic engagement, reconciliation or social cohesion. We are particularly interested in initiatives that create meaningful engagement between community actors and decision or policy makers. We are also interested in grassroots, Track 3 initiatives working at the community level. Relevant initiatives might create opportunities for contact or dialogue, work to promote positive attitudes or behaviors, or monitor and understand tensions and hatred.

Proposed projects must be peacebuilding interventions to which **technology, community arts and / or participatory research** are central. Projects that do not include one of these elements will not be considered. Any **technology tool** that is used strategically to amplify participation or deepen the impact of a peacebuilding initiative is relevant to this Fellowship, for example: information & data tools of all kinds (e.g. mobile data collection, digital maps); new media and communication tools (e.g. social media, radio-to-mobile); traditional media (e.g. film, radio); videogames and gamified apps, remote sensing (e.g. big data, drones), etc. Any **community arts approach** that amplifies participation or deepens the impact of a peacebuilding initiative is relevant to this Fellowship, for example: participatory video or photography, arts-based trauma



healing, participatory radio, art and dialogue, arts-based advocacy and non-violent activism, theatre of the oppressed, etc. Any **participatory research method** that amplifies participation or deepens the impact of a peacebuilding initiative is relevant to this Fellowship, including any type of participatory action research, qualitative, quantitative or mixed methods.

How are applications evaluated?

Applications are evaluated by Build Up staff and an external Advisory Committee according to the following **selection criteria**:

- Demonstrates in-depth understanding of the peacebuilding context and ability to link to ongoing processes and stakeholders;
- Is willing to engage in participatory design with relevant stakeholders;
- Articulates theory of change for use of technology, arts or participatory research in the peacebuilding process;
- Demonstrates individual / team capacities to implement proposed project;
- Will benefit from the training and support provided through the Fellowship (not only the grant funding);
- Demonstrates ability to achieve meaningful milestone for development / completion within Fellowship timeframe.

What can financial support be spent on?

Fellows receive a grant to cover some of the technical and implementation costs of their intervention. The exact grant amount will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the specific needs of an intervention, but in any case will not exceed 16,000 EUR. Once selected, each Fellow will agree the exact costs to be covered by this funding with their lead mentor. We expect funding to be spent on direct costs of implementing a pilot initiative, which can include contracting support and covering some of the Fellow's time.

How long does the fellowship last? Where will I be based for the Fellowship?

Fellowships are **part-time and not residential**. We expect Fellows to work approximately 30% of their time for one full year. They will be required to travel for training and to attend the Build Peace conference, but they are not required to live in a particular location for the duration of the Fellowship.



What happens after the Fellowship?

Towards the end of their fellowship, support from the Build Up mentors will focus on working out a plan for the intervention to be sustained in a contextually appropriate way - whether that is replicating it in other locations or with different people, embedding it in ongoing processes or developing a new intervention that builds on it. Fellows may be invited back to the next Build Peace conference to present the results of work carried out during their fellowship. Fellows may also be invited to apply for follow-on financial and technical support from Build Up or its partners.

Still have questions about the Build Peace Fellows program?

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