

**Do you have an idea worth spreading? Apply for the TED Residency!**

**Deadline: June 15, 2017**

### **What it is**

The TED Residency program is an incubator for breakthrough ideas. It is free and open to all via a semiannual competitive application. Those chosen as TED Residents will spend fourteen weeks at TED headquarters in New York City, working on their ideas. Although some may produce an artwork, a manuscript, or an amazing theorem, each Resident will also develop a TED talk and deliver it on a TED stage. The spring Residency runs from **September 11, 2017, to December 15, 2017**.

Located in NYC's lively West Soho neighborhood, TED provides you with a beautiful Gensler-designed workspace, including a Steelcase desk, ergonomic task chair, high-speed Internet access, and inspiring skyline views. Residents will be included in the vibrant office and community culture of TED and will benefit from coaching and rehearsals in the in-house TED Theater. Talks will be considered for use on TED.com and featured on the TED Residency YouTube channel. Residents may also have the opportunity to attend TED events. TED does not cover travel or living expenses.

### **Who should apply**

Anyone 18 or older who is proficient in English qualifies. We don't care where you went to school. We are looking for passion and expertise. TED generally spotlights thinkers, makers, inventors, advocates, filmmakers, photographers, musicians, artists, scientists, entrepreneurs, NGO heads, and social activists. But we love to be surprised. You will need to play nicely with others, and you must be willing to work onsite at least four days a week to make the experience optimal for all. Members of TED's extended family—conference attendees, past speakers, TED Fellows, TEDx organizers, translators, TED Prize winners, TED-Ed participants—are most definitely eligible, and encouraged to apply.

### **Who should not apply**

If you're looking for lab space or you need a big art studio (or if your project is otherwise noisy, dangerous, or emits fumes), the TED Residency is not an option for you. Those who are not prepared to participate fully in the office experience should also skip this.

### **The selection process**

We choose TED Residents based on the strength of their idea, their character, and their ability to bring a fresh perspective and positive contribution to the diverse TED community. No algorithm is used. After references are checked, program staff will make the final selections. Those chosen as TED Residents will be notified on or about August 11, 2017, and the Residency begins September 11, 2017.

### **How to apply**

Please provide the information requested in this form. In addition to basic details, you'll need to answer short essay questions, provide references, and upload a short video of yourself.

Applications close on Thursday, June 15 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

### Save an offline copy

We recommend you look at the application questions first, then spend time composing your answers offline in a separate file, so that nothing gets lost. Please remember to save your offline copy. We cannot be responsible for text that somehow disappears. And please make sure all of your links work.

If you have any questions or technical trouble, please contact the TED Residency team by emailing [residency@ted.com](mailto:residency@ted.com).

# TED Residency

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Tell us about yourself.

And please be succinct. There is a character limit for each of the text boxes!

**\* 1. First name**

**\* 2. Last name**

**\* 3. Gender**

Female

Male

Other

**\* 4. Date of birth**

(MM/DD/YYYY)      MM      DD      YYYY  
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**\* 5. Occupation**

**6. Company / Organization**

**7. Title**

**8. Your LinkedIn profile or online résumé (make sure this is a public link!)**

**\* 9. Up to three websites that represent your work or your interests (with brief description of connection to you, and login information, if needed)**

1.

2.

3.

**\* 10. One (or more) of your social media accounts. Again, please ensure links are publicly visible.**

1.

2.

3.

**\* 11. How did you hear about our application?**

TED website

Twitter

Facebook

Heard about it at a TED event

Heard about it from a colleague / friend

Other (please specify)

12. If you heard about the program from a friend / colleague, please tell us who.



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### Contact details

\* 13. Tell us how to reach you.

Email address

Secondary email address

Mailing address

City

State

Postal code / zip

Country

Phone number (including country code if non-US)

Alternate phone number



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And now for the questions!

Please be mindful of the character limits, which include spaces (all answers 400 characters max):

\* 14. What is your idea worth spreading?

\* 15. Why are you the ideal person to convey this idea in a TED Talk?

\* 16. Other than funding, how could the TED community help?

\* 17. What do you hope to accomplish during the four-month Residency in TED's New York office?

\* 18. How do you imagine spending your days while at TED (e.g. spending the day writing, designing, taking meetings, recording podcasts, etc.)?

\* 19. Have you participated in TED before? If so, how? (e.g., TED-Ed, TED Fellow, TED Prize winner, TEDx Organizer, Speaker, Translator, audience member, newsletter subscriber, etc.)

## TEDResidency

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Please introduce yourself.

Film a very short video (max one minute), verbally introducing yourself and your idea and upload it to YouTube. A webcam or selfie shoot is fine, just so people can see how you express yourself. Add the link to it here.

\* 20. Link to your video:

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**References**

Please provide references (inside or outside the TED community) who know you well. We may or may not contact your reference(s) during the application process, but please notify them that we may do so.

**\* 21. Reference #1**

Name	<input type="text"/>
Title / organization	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
City / country	<input type="text"/>
How they know you:	<input type="text"/>

**\* 22. Reference #2**

Name	<input type="text"/>
Title / organization	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
City / country	<input type="text"/>
How they know you:	<input type="text"/>

**23. Reference #3**

Name	<input type="text"/>
Title / organization	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
City / country	<input type="text"/>
How they know you:	<input type="text"/>

### Terms of application

**24. If you had help completing this application, please explain the circumstances, who helped you, and to what degree.**

**25. If you have ever been convicted of a crime, please explain the situation.**

### Almost done...

#### **If you are chosen**

Upon acceptance into the TED Residency, individuals will be asked to sign a contract outlining the conditions of the Residency, which includes a background check. Residents must attend all program events for the duration of the Residency (exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis). Any behavior that could bring discredit to the TED Residency program is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program, at TED's sole discretion.

#### **Terms and conditions**

Due to the volume of applications, incomplete and late applications will not be considered. Misrepresentation of information on the application will result in immediate disqualification.

#### **Privacy note**

All application content will remain strictly confidential and will be used for internal review and communication purposes only. We will never share your information with a third party. Any references submitted will also remain confidential.

#### **Non-discrimination policy**

TED is committed to the principle of equal opportunity. TED does not discriminate against individuals on the

basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, veteran or refugee status, ancestry, or national or ethnic origin in the administration of its Residency opportunities.

- \* 26. By checking this box, I verify that I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions above, pledge that all of my information is correct, and consent to possible reference and background checks.**

If you have any further questions, e-mail us at [residency@ted.com](mailto:residency@ted.com).

**Please note: You will NOT receive an e-mail confirmation, but rest assured, by checking this box and clicking "Submit Application," you're all set.**

Yes, I understand.