

# Open call for applications from Albania: Salzburg Global Forum for Young Cultural Innovators

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**Generously supported by AADF-Albanian American Development Foundation. Salzburg Global Seminar invites young cultural innovators based in Albania to apply for the 4th annual Salzburg Global Forum for Young Cultural Innovators,**

The Forum will take place at Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg, Austria from October 14 to 19, 2017. The program is designed to help young cultural innovators (YCI) develop the dynamic vision, entrepreneurial skills, and global networks needed to allow them, their organizations, their causes and their communities to thrive in new ways.

The artistic disciplines represented by the young innovators range from the visual and performing arts, literature, and cultural heritage, to foods, fashion, architecture, and design.

The program offers an opportunity for up to four YCI from Albania to participate in a week-long, intensive seminar in Salzburg, who will connect with fifty young cultural innovators from around the world, and will help build the "Tirana YCI Hub."

The five-day program in Salzburg combines theory and practice, with keynote presentations focusing on "big picture" issues facing the cultural sector and with skills-building sessions on entrepreneurial thinking, communicating mission and message, leadership, organizational development, and team-building.

Selected participants from Albania will receive a full scholarship to participate in the YCI program, including the session fee, room and board, and travel costs.

All applications and inquiries should be directed to Albanian American Development Foundation, who will review according to the terms and conditions described on the next page.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:

[salzburgglobal.org/go/583](http://salzburgglobal.org/go/583)

<http://www.aadf.org/project/culture-corps/>



# YCI Fellow Testimonials

## Criteria for Applicants to the YCI Forum

To qualify, all applicants must:

- Be 25–35 years of age.
- Work in Albania.
- Have at least 1–3 years of professional experience in the cultural sector, creative industries, and/or at an arts organization or institution.
- Demonstrate creativity in approach to work, openness to innovation and risk-taking, action-orientation, and entrepreneurial inclination.
- Show interest in creating social change and strengthening the position of the arts and cultural institutions within communities.
- Exhibit passion, enthusiasm, and leadership potential – with recommendations confirming these qualities and/or external recognition of accomplishment in this area: prize, award, citation.
- Have a proclivity to communicate (social media savvy, etc.) and cooperate with others across sectors.
- Want to become an active member of a global network and have the willingness to commit time, energy, and resources to sustaining such a network, both at the global and local YCI hub level.

## Application Requirements

All applicants must submit the following information online at [www.aadf.org](http://www.aadf.org)

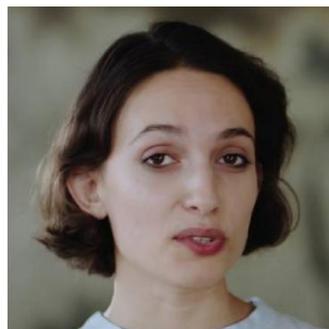
The filled application form

- A personal statement explaining why the YCI program is relevant to his/her work (400 words maximum);
- Name and contact information of one professional reference;
- A brief bio (sample on application form);
- CV.

For questions concerning the application please contact [info@aadf.org](mailto:info@aadf.org)

## Deadline

The deadline for applications is **July 30, 2017**. Please include only the information outlined above. Applicants may be asked for further information.



**Bora Baboci**  
Salzburg YCI Fellow 2016  
Albania

*“ The most precious part of the seminar was the contact and discussions we have between participants, I think for all participants the encounters during the seminar have been very influential and inspiring.”*



**Bruno Ismaili**  
Salzburg YCI Fellow 2014  
Albania

*“ At first I thought that Salzburg Global Seminar would be like the other conferences, but this was the best Seminar I have ever attended ,There were a lot of outcomes from the session for me, but one of them is how can I make my work better and work locally but think globally.”*



**Aaron Davis**  
Salzburg YCI Fellow  
2016 Adelaide, Australia

*“ I have been working in cultural innovation but have been quite alone. In Salzburg I met people who were just like me. We were able to go beyond typical networking processes to build incredibly strong connections that span both personal and professional dimensions. ”*



**María José Greloni**  
Salzburg YCI Fellow 2016  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

*“ I am going back home with so many new ideas that I could say I will become a new person. This seminar has real and tangible results that I am sure will be reflected in the projects we are all doing around the world. ”*

FOR MORE TESTIMONIALS PLEASE VISIT:

<http://yci.salzburgglobal.org/our-network/fellows-testimonials>