

ACT Labs NYC / Live Ideas 2019 HACK-ART-THON
Theme: Breaking the Stigma around Mental Illness
Terms and Conditions

- We choose up to twenty Fellows to attend **ACT Labs NYC / Live Ideas 2019** (ten artists, ten technologists).
- The current call for applications is open to artists and technologists who reside in the United States and can be in New York City from May 10 – 12, 2019.
- We welcome anyone over the age of 18 to apply.
- We seek **artists** with experience in developing, executing and exhibiting artworks (visual arts, film, design, performing arts, music and beyond); and **technologists working in artificial intelligence**, including but not limited to engineers, innovators, hackers, developers. Applicants can also be artists who are technologists and vice versa.
- The Fellows will be selected based on 1) the application form, and 2) an interview with shortlisted candidates. In addition to reviewing your impressive accomplishments, we look for passion, drive, curiosity and kindness.
- Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.
- Application content remains strictly confidential and is used for internal review only. Under no circumstances will the organization share any of your personal information with a third party.
- The **ACTS Labs NYC / Live Ideas 2019** Fellowship is committed to equality of opportunity in all aspects. We do not discriminate against individuals on any grounds in the administration of the fellowship opportunities.
- Attendance is non-transferable. We cannot accommodate spouses, children or friends.

FAQ

Why should I apply to be a Fellow?

Apply for the opportunity to take part in an immersive, intense, fully subsidized HACK-ART-THON. The winning pair will receive \$5,000 in grant money to develop your idea. Other prizes include access to year-long mentorship and support, artist residencies, opportunities to present their work and more.

Embrace the opportunity to join a vibrant and diverse community of people pushing for social change, experiment with a unique format, work with purpose, engage beyond your field, and have fun!

As a Fellow you will be introduced to a powerful network of innovators that can be future collaborators. ACT Labs is also a crash-course in design thinking, marketing, public speaking and pitching, and much more, thanks to the pool of awesome mentors that support us.

If selected, what is the required time commitment as a Fellow in ACT Labs NYC / Live Ideas 2019?

The core requirement of the Fellowship is that you are available to attend the Lab in person, for the entire time. This means you will be required to block off a total of two consecutive days, plus the evening prior to the Lab, in your schedule. Selected Fellows will be matched with their teammate by Friday, April 26 and given a short assignment to complete prior to the beginning of the HACK-ART-THON.

Friday, May 10 from 7pm – 9pm

Saturday, May 11 from 10am – midnight (closing time, participants can leave before midnight)

Sunday, May 12 from 10am – 9pm

What is the selection timeline?

- **Wednesday, March 13** - Applications open at 10am
- **Sunday, March 31** - Applications close at midnight
- **By Friday, April 5** - Round 1 selected applicants will be notified
- **Monday, April 15 through Wednesday, April 17** - Video interviews with Round 1 selected applications between 2pm - 6pm each day
- **Friday, April 19** - Selected Fellows notified!

Do I have to cover any costs if I become a fellow?

Live Arts cannot cover travel expenses or room & board for **ACT Labs NYC / Live Ideas 2019**. If chosen Fellows need to travel to New York City for the event, those costs will be at the expense of the Fellow. **ACT Labs NYC / Live Ideas 2019** will provide some meals and snacks during the HACK-ART-THON.

I don't know much about the issue at hand? Should I apply?

Yes, apply! **ACT Labs NYC / Live Ideas 2019** is devoted to breaking the stigma and layers of silence around mental illness. You don't need to be an expert on the issue, or to have previously done any work on the subject, to be selected for the Fellowship. It is enough to care that one in five adults live with a mental illness, to know that the stigma around mental illness creates shame, fear, isolation and layers of silence, to believe that mental health is a human right, and to approach the topic with an open mind and heart.

In addition, your team will be supported by a pool of mentors and renowned experts in various fields (art, technology, mental health, communications, and others).

Do I need to arrive with an already developed idea?

No. Just come with an open mind; you will develop the idea in collaboration with your teammate.

Can I work alone, instead of in a team?

No. The Fellowship matches artists with technologists to work on high-impact, interdisciplinary and collaborative projects. Worry not though - over 90% of the ACT Labs matches we've made have been deemed by previous participants as "a match made in heaven."

Why not a traditional hackathon?

ACT Labs are unique events exploring the intersection of human rights/social issues, art and technology. To encourage human rights advancement and protection, information needs to be presented in new ways that rise above the endless flow of data, and give us space to connect and contemplate. Art is one of the most powerful tools to translate complex issues into a language that makes people care and compels them to act. Our format is further empowered by the potential of technology to provide solutions, participation and experiences. The concept and format of ACT Labs (fineacts.co) has been created and developed by Fine Acts, a global platform for socially engaged creative solutions.

What kind of ideas are you looking for?

We look for ideas that multiply the powers of art and tech, specifically AI applications. Ideas in previous editions have ranged from interactive, participatory art pieces, to apps with a strong art component. Performance and performative projects are welcome. The jury will award the team whose idea seamlessly merges technology and art components, and bears the potential to tackle a social issue in an original way - by raising awareness, or contributing to a concrete solution; and who is deemed most likely to follow up on their execution plan with the resources of the grant turning their idea into a reality.

Does only one idea get a grant?

One of the ideas will be awarded a development grant. In addition, other ideas might also receive funding and residency support. In the past, our donors and sponsors, who are present during final pitching, have been compelled to make commitments.

My team's idea hasn't been selected - do I still get mentoring and support?

Some of the ideas, developed during **ACT Labs NYC / Live Ideas 2019**, that want to go forward, may receive mentoring and support by our team and a pool of experts on art, activism, technology, communications, fundraising, and more.

Who owns the ideas developed?

You are, and will always be, the author of your idea. All ideas, developed as part of ACT Labs, will be featured on a dedicated platform, under the Attribution-Noncommercial-Share Alike Creative Commons License. However, you will always be credited as its authors.

More questions? Please, e-mail us at programs@newyorklivearts.org.