



## FAQ for the 2016 WORD Grant

### **How will the projects be selected?**

A panel of experts will decide which projects are selected. Because panelists will be from different backgrounds, applicants are encouraged to avoid field specific language, and define terms.

### **When will awards be announced?**

Awards will be announced April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **My project already has funding from other sources. Will that hurt my chances?**

We encourage artists to apply with projects that already have funding. WORD does not need to be the only or lead funder for work. That said, artists are also encouraged to apply where WORD would support the entire project/work.

### **Is your staff available to answer questions about WORD?**

Yes. You are welcome to contact us with questions or concerns. Please read the FAQ in full before doing so. Josh Feldman, IJC Director, can be reached at [jfeldman@aju.edu](mailto:jfeldman@aju.edu).

### **How many grants will you give out?**

The grant fund is \$20,000. We may give a greater number of smaller grants (i.e. \$500) or a smaller number of larger grants (ie. \$2,000).

### **I have a great project but the project is not going happening for 9 months. Should I still apply?**

The fund is only for projects happening in the next six months. Projects occurring outside that range are not eligible.

### **I live outside of Los Angeles but want to do work in the city- can I apply?**

No. The 2016 grants are only for Los Angeles Artists doing work in Los Angeles. Residency is defined by Los Angeles County Borders.



**I work with a group of artists- can we apply together?**

Artist groups, collectives, and partnerships are all encouraged to apply. One lead applicant must be chosen who will be the contact for the proposal.

**How old do I need to be to apply?**

All applicants must be over 18 years of age or older to apply.

**Do I have to be a US citizen to apply?**

American citizens and those with green cards and/or work permits are encouraged to apply.

**Will you provide Visa support to those outside the US?**

American Jewish University unfortunately cannot help with work permits or visas.

**What do you mean by “Jewish” in this context?**

The work has significant Jewish themes or elements, which will be broadly defined to include: history, text, modern experience and cultural and/or cross cultural projects.

**What do you mean by “the written word” in this context?**

The written word and or/text play a role in the work. This will be broadly defined and could include: the use of historic, religious or contemporary text; original works or projects where the written word is central; and written works itself, and/or work inspired by text of some kind. Work does not have to have overt text in the work. A painter may apply for a body of work inspired by an 18<sup>th</sup> Century poem, a choreographer may apply for a work inspired by the words of a modern song, a playwright may apply for a play being produced with their own writing.

**My project would be happening through my not for profit organization. Can that organization receive the grant?**

Yes. The primary applicant must be the primary artistic driver of the project.