

Soundboard Musicians Mentoring Scheme

Application Guidance


This guide is here to help you fill in your application for support.

The questions you will answer are shown in the left column, and the right column explains how to answer them.

Our application form changes based on the answers you give. This means you may not see every question listed in this guide. We do this to save you time and make sure you only have to give information that matters.

If you need any help with your application, please contact our team:

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Application question	How to answer the question
<p>Tell us about your music career so far.</p> <p>Use these prompts to help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you describe your career as a musician so far? • What have been your biggest highlights in your music career so far? • How regularly are you working as a musician, and in what roles? 	<p>Please give us a timeline or summary of your career. You should include key moments, projects, performances, training, or anything else that helps show how you've got to where you are now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this question we want to understand your career as a musician so far. You have 500 words, so try to include a clear timeline of your work to-date. • Be specific: try to include some detail on your career highlights so far. For example pivotal performances, projects or collaborations. Try and include some detail on what the impact of these achievements has been on your overall career e.g. an increased following, new opportunities, expanding your network etc. • We're also looking to see how regularly you currently work as a musician, and in what ways. If you work in multiple roles as a musician we'd recommend including detail on each of the roles that make up your career.
<p>What are your music career goals, and what are your plans for the next 12 months to help you get there?</p>	<p>Please tell us about the kind of music career you want to build and give a clear outline of what you plan to do over the next year (for example: projects, training, or</p>

<p>Use these prompts to help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you plan to achieve in the next 12 months? E.g. diversifying income, expanding networks, upcoming projects. • How do your 12-month plans tie into your long-term career goals as a musician? • How do you plan to achieve your 12-month goals, and how will this benefit your career? 	<p>work). Explain how each part of your plan will help you move towards your long-term goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this section we're looking to understand what your career goals are for the next 12 months, and how these plans tie into your longer-term ambitions as a musician. • Try to include as much detail as possible on how you plan to achieve your goals. It helps us to understand the steps which you plan to take in order to achieve your plans for the next year. We would recommend ensuring you cover the who, what, where, when, why and how in your answer. • It's important to remember that Soundboard is a career development programme, so it's helpful for us to understand what you plan to work on for the next year and how your plans will help you to build a thriving and sustainable career as a musician.
<p>Why do you feel this is a good time in your music career to have a mentor?</p> <p>Use these prompts to help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are you looking for mentoring support? • What impact could mentoring support have on your career? • Why is now the right time for you to be mentored? • What could you bring to a two-way mentoring relationship? 	<p>Tell us how mentoring could support where you're currently at in your journey, and how it might help you take the next steps towards your goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Here we're looking to understand why you are looking for mentoring support and the impact this could have on your career. We recommend tying this into your 12-month plans, explaining how mentoring could help you achieve your goals. • We would like to understand why now is the right time for you to receive this support. It can be helpful to think why now, as opposed to in a years time, for example. • It's important to demonstrate an understanding of what mentoring is in this section. Mentoring is a two-way learning opportunity where mentee and mentor should both receive positive benefits from their involvement. Soundboard mentors are all volunteers, and it's

	<p>important that you demonstrate realistic expectations of a mentoring relationship. Try to consider the bigger picture of what impact working with an experienced industry professional could have.</p>
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