



One To World
Advancing international understanding
— in the Fulbright tradition —



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One To World awarded Nissan Foundation grant to fund unique cultural & racial diversity programming

- *Nissan Foundation grant to fund One To World's cultural understanding programs aimed at building positive relationships between New York metropolitan-area residents and international student ambassadors from around the world.*
- *Local residents can join One To World programs and take part in face-to-face intercultural experiences. See how to get involved by viewing our events calendar at www.onetoworld.org/attend-our-events.*
- *Now in its 29th year, the Nissan Foundation supports educational programs that promote a greater appreciation and understanding of America's diverse cultural heritage.*

New York City, NY – One To World has received one of The Nissan Foundation's 2021 grants that support innovative programs that break down societal barriers and build inclusive communities through education and outreach. The Nissan Foundation grant will help fund a range of cultural diversity programming designed to help Americans and international students alike develop the skills, awareness, and understanding to become the next generation of global citizens. One example of these programs is *Global Classroom*, in which K-12 public school students learn about the diversity that exists in the world and in their own communities through workshops led by international students and Fulbright scholars.

"The impact of these programs is felt right here in New York, as Americans learn to understand and appreciate the diversity that exists in their communities and beyond, and it also extends all around the world, as international students return to their home countries after their time in the U.S.," said Jen E. Clarke, Executive Director of One To World.

The Nissan Foundation was created in 1992 as a thoughtful response to the three weeks of violent civil unrest that occurred near Nissan North America's then U.S. sales and marketing operations in Southern California following the Rodney King trial verdict. Nissan established a \$5 million endowment to promote cultural diversity within southern Los Angeles neighborhoods.

In the 29 years since, the Nissan Foundation has awarded more than \$13 million to over 150 nonprofit organizations that promote cultural diversity across a variety of arts, education, social and public programs in seven U.S. communities where Nissan operates.

"For nearly 30 years, the Nissan Foundation has been committed to amplifying the efforts of nonprofit organizations doing the important work of sharing diverse cultural perspectives and experiences with communities across the country," said Andrew Tavi, President of the Nissan Foundation. "At perhaps no other time in recent history has the work of One To World been so critical. We are proud to support their efforts to inspire people to embrace the value of our differences."

One To World is the only organization dedicated to connecting Americans and K-12 public school students with the almost 1,000 Fulbright scholars and the over 90,000 international

students—representing 140 countries—who are studying on New York-area campuses. One To World’s programs create vibrant opportunities for sharing perspectives, face-to-face, in mind-opening, life-changing ways. The organization has been creating opportunities for citizen diplomacy for over 40 years.

“We are grateful to receive this renewed support from the Nissan Foundation. At a time in our country and our world when hatred and misunderstanding find all-too-easy expression, One To World is uniquely poised to intervene in an even greater way because we have the experience, the partnerships, the reputation, and the commitment,” said Ms. Clarke.

The Nissan Foundation awarded a total of \$697,000 in grants to 28 nonprofit organizations located in Southern California, Tennessee, Texas, Central Mississippi, Southeast Michigan and the New York and Atlanta metro areas – all areas where Nissan has an operational presence.

About One To World

To advance global cooperation, One To World fosters intercultural understanding by creating face-to face experiences among local communities, international students and Fulbright scholars. The organization was founded 43 years ago to bring Americans together with outstanding young leaders from around the world, sharing similarities and appreciating differences, to build cross-cultural understanding and respect. To read more about One To World’s services for international students, Fulbright grantees, and international educators, as well as the Global Classroom program in New York area K-12 schools, visit www.onetoworld.org or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to learn more.

About the Nissan Foundation

Established in 1992, the mission of the Nissan Foundation is to build community through valuing cultural diversity. The Nissan Foundation is part of Nissan North America's commitment to "enrich people's lives" by helping to meet the needs of communities throughout the U.S. through philanthropic investments, corporate outreach sponsorships, in-kind donations and other charitable contributions.

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