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MIDEMLAB

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WHAT IS MIDEMLAB?

- › Midemlab is recognised as the leading international music-related startup competition, launching its 11th edition in 2018.
- › Midemlab features the most promising international startups that offer innovative solutions, helping the music industry build new consumer experiences.
- › Since its inception in 2008, 217 startups from 31 countries took part to the competition.
- › The previous editions proved to be a real launchpad for many leading startups in the entertainment field - such as SoundCloud, The Echo Nest (acquired by Spotify), Kickstarter, BandPage (acquired by YouTube), Songkick, Next big Sound (acquired by Pandora), Soundcharts – to name a few.
- › Powered by a prestigious jury comprising the most legitimate international influencers from tech, music, media and investments funds, Midemlab enables to source the innovations that will shape tomorrow's music biz landscape
- › Midemlab 11th edition will take place during Midem on **June 6, 2018**, Cannes, France.



WHY TAKE PART?

- › Win a free registration and pitch on-stage at Midem,
- › Find new business partners among the decision-makers of the music industry,
- › Meet with investors & raise funds,
- › Get feedback on how to make your service better,
- › Gain international visibility
- › Receive personalised coaching from Abbey Road Red to prepare your pitch
Abbey Road runs a unique music tech startup incubation program – the only one of its kind in Europe – to support the most promising music tech startups, as well as collaborating with the brightest minds in academic research.



SUBMISSION & SELECTION

Who can apply?

Midemlab is open to all startups from around the world fitting the criteria indicated below. Applying companies must be:

- › Available to attend Midem if selected to pitch
- › A new company (less than 5 years old)
- › Business ready: already launched or in beta
- › Independent, not affiliated to a group
- › Genuinely original and innovative, with international viability

What is the selection process?

The finalists are selected through a call for entry.

An international panel of high-profile experts reviews all submissions and nominates the finalists to pitch at Midem. The selecting partners for this year's Midemlab are [Kima Ventures](#), [Music Ally](#) and [bluenove](#).



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What are the categories?

Midemlab offers 4 categories. All applicants fall into one of the four following categories:

1. Music creation & education
2. Music discovery & distribution
3. Marketing & data /analytics
4. Experiential technologies – VR/AR, high-resolution, IoT & hardware

How do I submit my project?

You can submit your project by filling out the form available [here](#). Attachments are not accepted.



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Is there any cost to apply?

There is no cost to apply. Submissions are free, as are pitch sessions for finalists.

How many companies are selected?

Midemlab is set to showcase roughly 20 finalists (5 in each category). The selecting partners and Midem reserve the right to adapt this number depending on the quality of the projects received.

What are the key dates and deadlines?

- › **Early January:** Call for entries opens
- › **Mid-February:** Jury members & selecting partners announced
- › **March 21:** Deadline for applications
- › **2nd week of May:** Finalists announced
- › **6 June:** Finalists pitch their product at Midem

How many times can I apply?

You can apply only once and can only submit under one category.

Will you tell me if I'm not selected?

Yes, all applicants will be notified about their selection or non-selection by Midem by end of April 2018.



PITCH SESSIONS AT MIDEM

What is the schedule of Midemlab at Midem?

All pitch sessions will happen on **Wednesday 6th June 2017**.

Finalists need to arrive in Cannes **at least the day before (10am at the latest)** for technical rehearsals & personalised coaching session. The coaching partner will be announced soon.

What the finalists are expected to do?

The pitch sessions take place in Music Lab. The pitches are in English.

The finalists are given 5 minutes to pitch their solution and business model in front of Midem audience and to a jury made up of venture capitalists, successful entrepreneurs, decision makers from the music industry, and influential media, The pitch is followed by 5' of Q&A between the finalist and the jury members.

Only one representative from the startup will be able to pitch on stage (founder or senior executive).

The finalists have to pitch with a visible presentation (PowerPoint, Keynote...). This presentation should give a practical and informative overview of the company, its business model, its market potential and how to work best with it.

This presentation should be exactly 5 minutes in length and can include a product demo, audio and/or video.



PITCH SESSIONS AT MIDEM

Networking sessions are organized between finalists and jury members so that each finalist can receive valuable feedback, and also between finalists and Midem audience.

Will there be some winners elected?

The jury of each category elects one winner in its category.

What is the winning prize?

There will be one winner per category. Each winner receives the following:

Winners:

- › Receive a private meeting with **Kima Ventures** (the most active business angel in the world. Kima backs two startups per week with money and care, and has invested in more than 10 music-related startups)
- › Receive a private meeting with **Deezer's CEO** Hans-Holger Albrecht
- › Receive a private meeting with leading music startups accelerator **TechStars Music**
- › Free legal advice (with Jeff Liebenson from Liebenson Law)
- › Free PR advice (with Joanna Kirk, PR strategist)
- › 1 free registration to 2019 Midem
- › 1 free registration to 2018 Slush Music
- › Receive industry's validation and also recognition as the most promising startup in the music field
- › Additional visibility in Midem marketing channels (incl. free advertising on midem.co, banner in rotation available until January 2019)

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