2018 has been a whirlwind of sorts for us at NeXt Doc! After completing another successful week-long fellowship in June at the Carey Institute for Global Good, our cohort of 16 fellows have hit the ground running! From traveling coast to coast, visiting each other, sharing equipment, moving in with each other, forming mini producing teams to accessing major funding opportunities - we’re beyond excited to share an update on our 2018 NeXt Doc fellows!
Ankur and Sohib on location of a short doc projects in Chicago.

Currently pursuing a masters in Journalism at Northwestern University

Writing and publishing news articles on truthout.org

Creating short documentary content with Cai and Sohib in Chicago

Cai Thomas, Liberty City, FL

Ankur Singh, Chicago, IL

Sohib Boundaoui, Bridgeview, IL

2018 Sundance Ignite Fellow

Attended IDA’s bi-annual Getting Real Conference with a cohort of Next Doc fellows

Moved from New York to Chicago after spending two years as a producer at CBS

Cai currently lives with 2018 Next Doc fellow Ankur Singh.

With Ankur, Cai has also teamed up with 2018 Next Doc fellow Sohib Boundaoui to create short documentary content.

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DAVYANA SAN MIGUEL, MAUI, HI
- After NeXt Doc, moved from San Francisco to Brooklyn
- Launched a gallery opening showcasing visual work in September titled “Sex and Technology”
- Fall intern at PBS America Reframed
- Teamed up with 2018 Next Doc Sohib to color grade his short film “Generation One”

JALENA KEANE-LEE, BERKELEY, CA
- 2018 Jacob Burns Fellow
- Has been working on a documentary about indigenous women in Hawaii
- Completed “Period Girl” documentary which is now in consideration at major festivals

CÉSAR MARTÍNEZ, SAN ANTONIO, TX
- Full-time producer/editor on ABC Docuseries
- Selected as a 2018 Jacob Burns Fellow
- Teamed up with NYC based NeXt Doc fellow’s Jalena Keane-Lee and Davyana San Miguel to create short documentary

2018 NeXt Doc Fellows

CÉSAR SHOOTING ON LOCATION IN NYC
CÉSAR (BOTTOM LEFT) AND JALENA (2ND BOTTOM RIGHT) AT JACOB BURN’S CREATIVE CULTURE FELLOWS SHOWCASE
DAVYANA TEAMING UP ON CAMERA FOR A PROJECT DIRECTED BY JALENA IN NYC.
2017 NeXt Doc Fellow

Jude Chehab, Beirut, Lebanon

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Igor Myakotin, New York, NY

• 2018 iTVS Diversity Documentary Fund Finalist for 1st feature-film
• Attended IDA’s biannual Getting Real Conference with a cohort of NeXt Doc Fellows
• Selected as a 2018 fellow for the Zurich Film Festival Master Class Program
• Hired as an assistant editor by Sundance

• 2018 Creative Culture Fellow at Jacob Burns Center (where she also screened her short “See you Next Time”)
• 2018 Sundance Ignite Fellow
• 2018 Filmmaker Magazine’s “25 New Faces of Independent Film”
• Short film “Edgecombe” premiered at 2018 BAMcinemaFest and was also an official

• Cinematographer of Silicone Soul a documentary by Melody Gilbert an Official Selection at DOC NYC
• Currently works as a producer for doc filmmaker David France.

2016 NeXt Doc Fellow Crystal Kayiza at Cucalorus Festival and Working Films Work-in-Progress Lab

2017 NeXt Doc Fellow Jude Chehab shooting on location for a political doc in Pakistan

2017 NeXt Doc Fellow Igor with Melody Gilbert, Director of Silicone Soul at DOC NYC
CÉSAR & CAI CHILLIN ON THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE IN NYC

2016 NEXT DOC FELLOW ADEN SUCHAK WITH DAVYANA AT GALLERY OPENING

SERENA, FARRAH AND SOHIB AT 2018 ALLIED MEDIA CONFERENCE IN DETROIT.

CÉSAR, JALENA, CAI AND DAVYANA CHILLIN IN NYC

JALENA AND NICKY IN PORTLAND

SERENA & CAI IN SAN FRANCISCO AT PRIDE

FARRAH CHILLIN IN PHILLY

SERENA AND JALENA IN SAN FRANCISCO

CAI, SOHIB AND ANKUR AT KARTEMQUIN DVID FELLOW’S GRADUATION IN CHICAGO

JALENA, DAVYANA, NICKY, CÉSAR CHILLIN IN NYC

FARRAH & COURTNEY AT ALLIED MEDIA CONFERENCE IN DETROIT

SOHIB, MICHAEL, FARRAH, EJANIA, DARIAN, CAI AND BHAWIN AT 2018 BLACK STAR FILM FESTIVAL

2017 NEXT DOC FELLOWS KRISTAL & SYDNEY IN D.C.

JUDE, BHAWIN AND DARIAN EATING TACOS IN LA AFTER A LONG DAY AT IDA CONFERENCE.

TORONTO BASED NEXT DOC FELLOW JENNY JAY MEETING UP WITH SERENA IN SAN FRANCISCO

MERGING OF WORLDS! 2017 NEXT DOC FELLOWS JHORDAN, JUDE AND WALTER LINK UP WITH 2018 FELLOW CAI

TORONTO BASED NEXT DOC FELLOW NOOR CHILLIN WITH NEXT DOC CO-FOUNDER DARIAN IN TORONTO