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Applications Now Open for 2018 Voqal Fellowship

September 15, 2017— Applications are now open for the 2017 Voqal Fellowship. The Voqal Fellowship is a talent and technology accelerator for tomorrow's social entrepreneurs. Fellows have six months to complete their project and will receive a \$30,000 stipend.

We're searching for change-makers and thought leaders who want to launch the next "big idea" that will increase equity for those who are least well off politically, economically and/or socially. Ideal candidates for the fellowship are in the early stages of project development. They are driven, tech-savvy social change agents who thrive under self-direction. We are recruiting early-career stage creative thinkers with a track record of advancing progressive social change and/or using innovative solutions to help communities.

One of the few early-stage fellowships, the Voqal Fellowship is designed to increase equity and further progressive, social justice-oriented causes. Ideal applicants will have a specific issue or challenge they are looking to address over the course of their fellowship. Projects can be broad in scope, or a simple tool that will help resolve a social inequity or lead to progressive social change. Some of the types of projects fellows could pursue include:

- Mobile Technology
- Media Products and Platforms
- Information Access
- Tools for Wrangling Big Data
- Software for Social Change Agents
- Websites

Candidates for the latest round of the Voqal Fellowship must have three to five years of career experience and may not be enrolled in graduate school. Fellows should treat the fellowship as a sabbatical and may not work full-time during the fellowship. The fellowship is intended to provide an opportunity to build out an early stage idea, concept, or innovation that would not be possible to accomplish with a full-time job. An additional stipend may be available to offset health insurance costs for qualifying fellows.

For more information or to apply for the Voqal Fellowship visit <http://voqal.org/initiatives/voqal-fellowship/>.

Voqal is a national collaboration of EBS (Educational Broadband Service) licensees that work to advance social equity by creating an educated and informed public. Voqal provides grants and investments for organizations and individuals, affordable mobile internet and wireless spectrum advocacy. Our efforts center around using media and technology to increase access, community and knowledge.