

Voqal Fellowship FY20

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Overview

Pronouns*

What pronouns do you use? Click here to learn why we are asking.

Character Limit: 200

Project Name*

Please share a project title that captures your project's intent and purpose.

Character Limit: 200

Project Description*

In three sentences or less, please provide a brief overview of the project and what it will accomplish. Think of this as the elevator pitch.

Character Limit: 750

Publicity*

How did you learn about the fellowship?

Choices

Another Fellowship
Email
Facebook
Netroots Nation
Other
Other website/publication
Past fellow
Twitter
Voqal website
Word-of-Mouth

If other, please tell us how you learned of the fellowship.

Character Limit: 250

Program Area*

Please select the social justice area that *best* describes the proposed project.

Choices

Economic Justice
Educational Justice
Environmental Justice
Health Justice

Immigrant Justice
 Indigenous Justice
 LGBTQIA+ Justice
 Other
 Racial Justice

If other, please tell us, in 1-2 words, what program area you feel the project belongs.

Character Limit: 100

Please read carefully: Fellows should treat this time as a sabbatical and may not work full-time during the fellowship. The fellowship is intended to provide an opportunity to build out an idea or concept that would not be possible to accomplish with a full-time job. Voqal will not consider applications for projects that are part of an established organization, part of graduate or doctoral research, or past the start-up period.

Eligibility*

Are you currently enrolled in a graduate-level program?

Choices

Yes
 No

Can you provide documentation to show you are eligible to work in the United States for the duration of the fellowship? ***Please note:*** Voqal does not provide Visa sponsorships nor does it consider international projects at this time.*

Choices

Yes
 No

Does your project only focus on communities and people living within the United States? *

Choices

Yes
 No
 Unsure

Can you participate in the January (January 23-25, 2020, Denver) and July (Netroots Nation, August 13-15, 2020, Denver) in-person convenings and monthly phone calls?*

Choices

Yes
 No
 Unsure

The Pitch

Voqal designed the Fellowship to further politically progressive, social justice-oriented causes by supporting innovative individuals. Applicants should identify a specific issue or challenge they want to address during the Fellowship and implement an idea that works to solve the issue or challenge.

Projects may be broad in scope or narrowly defined, but they should all address a societal problem and work to resolve it through a social justice lens.

Issue*

What community will your project reach? Using facts, sources, and statistics, please explain the societal problem and how it affects the community.

Character Limit: 2000

Impact*

If the project is implemented, what will have changed for the community? How will the community be impacted?

Character Limit: 2000

Project Summary*

Please provide a detailed summary of the project. What are the specific actions, tasks, or steps you will take? Who will be engaged throughout the process?

Character Limit: 2000

Timeline*

Please provide a timeline for the project over the course of a six-month fellowship. Include major milestones.

Character Limit: 750

Competition*

To the best of your knowledge, is any other individual, group, or organization working on a similar project? If yes, what is your competitive advantage? Or, why are you better situated to design and implement the project?

If you are unaware of similar projects, please put “not applicable.”

Character Limit: 500

Growth and Learning*

Voqal requires all Fellows to show progress in growing as a social entrepreneur and developing the idea. Please tell us how you might hope to grow and evolve throughout the Fellowship. What do you hope will be your biggest take-a-way from this experience?

Character Limit: 2000

Budget*

Please complete the Fellowship Project Budget Template found at <http://voqal.org/forms/> to provide a detailed breakdown of expenses. A sample budget can also be found at the above link. If you anticipate other revenue sources to support the project, please also include on the budget form.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Additional Funds*

Have you pursued additional funding for this idea? If yes, how is that going? This is not required; Voqal only wants a good sense of the current stage of your project/idea.

Character Limit: 250

Anything Else?

Please share any links or documentation that are relevant to your project and not able to be captured elsewhere in the application. Is there anything else you want reviewers to know as they make decisions?

Character Limit: 500

File Size Limit: 4 MB

File Size Limit: 3 MB

About You

Your Lived Experience*

How has your lived experience prepared you for this moment? Please focus on aspects of your background that demonstrate how you got to this idea and why you are the best person to implement the project.

Character Limit: 1000

Resume*

Please upload a resume or other supporting documentation, such as a publication list, that outlines your work experience.

File Size Limit: 4 MB

Online Presence*

Please share links to your personal website, blog, LinkedIn profile, or other online profiles that give us additional insight into you and your passions.

Character Limit: 500

Why social entrepreneurship?*

Please tell us what drives you as a social entrepreneur.

Character Limit: 500

Are you ready?

This is an intense personal and professional journey designed to push how you think about your history and idea. Are you prepared to take this on?

Character Limit: 500

Demographics

This is NOT used to evaluate your application. Voqal collects the following information for internal evaluation purposes only. We seek to include voices historically and systematically left out, and this is our way to measure if we are reaching those groups or if we need to adjust our own processes.

If you are uncomfortable sharing this information, it is not required (please use the "prefer not to answer" option, but we appreciate your help in tracking this vital information.

Race/Ethnicity*

Please choose which Race and/or Ethnic group best represents your identity.

Choices

African
African American/Black
Asian/Pacific Islander
Caribbean
Caucasian
Hispanic
Latinx
Middle Eastern
Mixed Race
Native American/Indigenous
Other
Prefer not to answer

Age*

In which age group do you belong?

Choices

18-24
25-30
31-40

41-50

50+

Prefer not to answer

Sexual and Gender Identity*

Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community?

Choices

Yes

No

Prefer not to answer

Education*

Please select the highest level of education you have completed. There is no education requirement; Voqal only wants to better understand your background.

Choices

Some High School

High School

Some College

Certification

Associate's Degree

Bachelor's Degree

Master's Degree

Ph.D

Post-Doctorate

Prefer not to answer

Immigration History

Are you or at least one of your parents an immigrant or refugee?

Choices

Yes

No

Unsure

Prefer not to answer