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Applications are Open for the 2021 Voqal Fellowship

September 8, 2020 — Applications are now open for the 2021 Voqal Fellowship. The Voqal Fellowship is a talent accelerator aimed at giving underrepresented social entrepreneurs a chance to enact their visions at center stage. The Fellowship provides a \$30,000 stipend for six months to work on an early-stage idea with hands-on storytelling and business development coaching.

The Fellowship is designed to further progressive, social justice-oriented causes. Ideal candidates are social justice-oriented leaders, thinkers, doers, and believers who have a big idea for a new way to organize communities and bring about equitable social change. Any progressive idea is allowed, so long as it addresses a systemic issue through an equity lens.

“We believe that in order to directly address the dual pandemics of COVID-19 and police brutality against Black Americans, supporting innovative solutions for progressive and social change led by those most impacted is more important now than ever before,” said Mary Coleman, Voqal’s program manager for grants and fellowships.

Voqal centers the Fellowship around multiple facets of starting and sustaining a project to allow fellows to best set up the structures needed for long-term success. This approach also allows each Voqal Fellow the opportunity to connect with any audience of any size and to showcase why they have the experience and knowledge to enact their vision for a better future.

Applicants should have an idea for an early-stage project. Fellows must treat these six months as a sabbatical and refrain from full-time work. At the conclusion of the Fellowship, all Fellows will be required to prepare a final presentation that demonstrates growth and learning.

For more information or to apply for the Voqal Fellowship visit voqal.org/ourwork/offering-fellowships/.

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