Voqal Fellowship 2023

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Overview

Preferred Pronouns

What are your preferred pronouns? Click here to learn why we are asking.

Choices

He/Him
She/Her
They/Them
Other

If you answered 'Other' above and are willing to share, please enter your preferred pronouns.

Character Limit: 250

Pronouns

What are your preferred pronouns? Click here to learn why we are asking.

Character Limit: 200

Project Name*

Please share a project title that captures your vision and goals.

Character Limit: 200

Project Description*

In three sentences or less, please provide a brief overview of the your idea/project and what you seek to 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: The fellowship is intended as an opportunity to build out an idea or concept that would not be possible to accomplish otherwise. While we expect fellows to devote time and energy to their project/idea, we understand other responsibilities may be in the picture and will work with chosen fellows to accommodate schedules and demands. However, Voqal will not consider applications for projects that are part of an established organization or part of graduate or doctoral research.

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 in-person opening convening (April 2023, Denver), the Netroots Nations conference (July 2023, Chicago), and close-out event (September 2023, location TBD), and also in the virtual monthly phone calls?*

Choices
Yes

No
Unsure

The Pitch

The Voqal Fellowship is designed to further politically progressive, social justice-oriented causes by supporting innovative individuals. Applicants should identify a specific issue or challenge they want to disrupt during the Fellowship by implementing an idea that generates a new system and way of being in community together.

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

Issue*

Please explain the societal problem/challenge you seek to address and how it affects the community you work with. We want to understand your analysis of the current reality and how systemic forces influence your community.

Character Limit: 7500

Impact*

What is the future you are trying to create? How are you contributing to that future through this work? If the idea/project is accomplished, what will have changed for the community? How are social justice and equity in practice? (Question inspired by Catalytic Thinking)

Character Limit: 10000

Project Summary*

Please provide a detailed summary of the idea/project. What are some steps and actions you plan to take? How will you ensure the community is engaged throughout the process?

Character Limit: 7500

Timeline/Milestones*

What do you plan to focus on in the six months of the fellowship (April - September 2023)? What are the major milestones you hope to accomplish as you work on the idea/project during the fellowship?

Character Limit: 3500

Others in the Field*

To the best of your knowledge, is any other individual, group, or organization working on a similar idea/project? If yes, what do you feel they are missing? How does your idea/project fill this gap?

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

Character Limit: 1500

Growth and Learning*

Voqal hopes all Fellows to show progress in growing as social entrepreneurs and developing their ideas/projects. Please tell us how you might hope to grow and evolve throughout the Fellowship. What do you hope will be your biggest takeaway from this experience?

Character Limit: 5000

Budget*

Please share a breakdown of how you plan to allocate the stipend to support the idea/project. We ask for a budget to understand your current needs. **We do not use it in the evaluation process.**

If you have a budget, please attach what you use. If you do not have one, you can find a template here ("Fellowship Budget Template"), as well as a sample budget ("Fellowship Budget Example").

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 idea/project.

Character Limit: 250

Anything Else?

Please provide any links, information, or documentation relevant to your idea/project that you were not able to share elsewhere in the application. Is there anything else you want reviewers to know as they make decisions?

Character Limit: 3500

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 idea/project.

Character Limit: 10000

Why social entrepreneurship?*

Please tell us what drives you as a social entrepreneur.

Character Limit: 1500

Disrupting the Status Quo*

Regardless of how you identify, please tell us how you actively reject white supremacy culture and the Four I's of Oppression. How do you color outside the lines?

Character Limit: 3500

Resume*

Please upload a resume, CV, or other supporting documentation, such as a publication list, that outlines your experience to-date.

File Size Limit: 4 MB

Online/Social Media Presence*

We want to get to know you and your passions a little more, so if you have online profiles you don't mind sharing, please include links here, such as for your personal website, blog, LinkedIn profile, or social media accounts.

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/project. Are you prepared to take this on?

Character Limit: 1500

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
Hispanic
Latinx
Middle Eastern
Mixed Race
Native American/Indigenous
Other
Prefer not to answer
White/European-descent

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