

Voqal Fellowship 2024

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Overview

Voqal will ensure everyone can submit a successful application. If you need other formats, arrangements, or alternative submission methods, please contact voqalfellowship@gmail.com or call 1-303-351-7047 to discuss how we can accommodate.

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

Pronouns*

What are your pronouns? [Click here to learn why we are asking.](#)

Choices

He/Him
She/Her
They/Them
Other

Please enter your pronouns if you answered 'Other' above and are willing to share.

Character Limit: 250

Project Name*

Please share a title that captures your vision and goals.

Character Limit: 200

Project Description*

In three sentences or less, please provide an overview of your project. What do you seek to accomplish? How will you do so?

Character Limit: 750

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 projects, we understand other responsibilities may be in the picture. We 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 receive funds in the United States?

Please note: Voqal does not offer Visa sponsorships nor considers international projects at this time.*

Choices

Yes
 No

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

Choices

Yes
 No
 Unsure

Can you participate in three in-person convenings at the start, (April 2023), middle (July 2023), and end (September 2023), all locations TBD? Can you participate in virtual monthly phone calls?*

Choices

Yes

No

Unsure

The Pitch

The Voqal Fellowship is designed to support innovative individuals in advancing their projects that further progressive, social justice causes. Projects may be broad or narrow, but they should uproot white supremacist systems and establish equitable, community-centric ones.

Impact: What's Possible*

What is the future you are trying to create? How are you contributing to that future through this work? If the project is accomplished, what is now possible for your community? How are social justice and equity in practice? What values lead the systems? (Question inspired by Catalytic Thinking)

Character Limit: 10000

Issue: What's in the Way*

How do current systemic forces prevent you from realizing your project? Who or what stands in your way? Why are you taking on this issue/societal inequity among all that co-exist?

Character Limit: 7500

Project Summary: What You'll Do*

Please tell us how you'll implement your idea. What are the steps and actions you plan to take? Who is engaged in the decision-making processes? How will you ensure disabled people have equal access and representation in the project?

Character Limit: 7500

Fellowship Focus: What's the First Step*

What do you plan to focus on in the six months of the fellowship (April - September 2024)? What milestones do you hope to accomplish?

Character Limit: 3500

Others in the Field*

To your knowledge, is another individual, group, or organization working on a similar project? If yes, what do you feel they are missing? How does your project fill this gap?

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

Character Limit: 1500

Growth in Leadership*

Voqal hopes all Fellows deepen their practice as social changemakers and community leaders as they work on their projects. Please tell us how you wish to develop or evolve your leadership style and skills throughout the Fellowship. What resources or guidance do you anticipate needing to support this growth?

Character Limit: 5000

Budget*

Please share a breakdown of how you plan to allocate the stipend to support the 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? If yes, how is that going? This is not required; Voqal only wants a good sense of the current stage of your project.

Character Limit: 250

Anything Else?

Please provide any links, information, or documentation relevant to your project that you could not share elsewhere in the application. Is there anything else you want reviewers to know?

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 demonstrating how you developed this idea and why you are the best person to implement it.

Character Limit: 10000

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

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

Background with Coaches

This intense program is designed to push how you think about your project. We offer coaches to support this process who can talk through operational, structural, and strategic questions. Have you worked with a coach before? If so, what did you find the most helpful? If not, what are your questions about working with a coach?

Character Limit: 1500

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

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

Disability

Do you identify as a disabled person or a person with a disability?

Choices

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- 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

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