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OSI AND THE BALTIMORE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

Open Society Institute-Baltimore is the Open Society Foundations' only U.S. field office. We are intensely focused on creating transformative change on the local level that can inform transformation in the U.S. and around

the world. Our mission is to disrupt the long-standing legacy of structural racism in Baltimore by supporting powerful social change movements led by, and centering the needs, interests, and voices of historically marginalized

communities and communities of color. The Open Society Institute-Baltimore launched the Community Fellowships program in 1998 and continues to build the program as an ongoing resource for Baltimore.



THE BALTIMORE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

has been working to improve life in Baltimore's underserved communities since 1998. Now 222 individuals strong, they are a corps of social entrepreneurs working throughout our city – one sees their imprint everywhere.

BALTIMORE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

The Program

The Open Society Institute - Baltimore Community Fellowships Program seeks dynamic activists and social entrepreneurs interested in implementing projects that address problems in underserved communities in Baltimore City. The goals of these fellowships are to encourage public and community service careers, expand the number of mentors available to vulnerable youth, and promote entrepreneurial initiatives that empower communities to increase opportunities and improve the quality of life for their residents.

In 2022, up to 10 individuals will be awarded a Baltimore Community Fellowship to implement innovative projects that seek to improve the circumstances and capacity of an underserved community in Baltimore City.

Applicants may come from all walks of life, including but not limited to – business management, the arts, law, public health, mental health, education, architecture, and engineering.

Fellowship

Fellowship awards are in the amount of \$65,000 for a term of 18 months.

The Fellowship grant is intended to provide a living stipend to support an individual's full-time, independent work on a project. It is awarded directly to an individual to guarantee flexibility in carrying out the objectives of the project.

The Lois Blum Feinblatt Mental Health Community Fellowship

Beginning in 2022, OSI-Baltimore Community Fellowships will partner with the Lois and Irving Blum Foundation to establish the Lois Blum Feinblatt Mental Health Community Fellow. In recognition of Lois's 100th birthday, this named fellowship honors Lois Blum Feinblatt's commitment to social justice and community empowerment. The individual selected for this distinction will focus their work in the area of mental health. This process will use the World Health Organization's definition of mental health – *"a state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community."* Selection will be based on the potential impact of the work to support the mental health and resiliency of community members and the applicant's embodiment of Lois' spirit and commitment to a healthy community.

We are grateful to the Lois and Irving Blum Foundation and the many friends and family of Lois Blum Feinblatt whose support makes the Lois Blum Feinblatt Mental Health Fellowship possible.

Eligibility

The Fellowships Program solicits proposals that address a wide range of issues, needs, and solutions. Applicants should be knowledgeable about social and economic justice issues affecting Baltimore's communities. Individuals from underserved communities and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

Individuals currently receiving wages or a salary to undertake the proposed project are not eligible to apply. Fellows may not use stipends to supplant funding for activities or projects that an organization is already implementing. The program **does not** award fellowships to conduct research or to implement lobbying initiatives. Fellows **must be** willing to participate fully in meetings scheduled for the Community Fellows.

Time Frame

All letters of inquiry are due by Monday, October 18. Applicants will be notified of their application status in January 2022. At that time, OSI will invite those applicants chosen for further consideration to develop a more detailed proposal. OSI will outline details/steps for the selected applicant at that time.

APPLICATION PROCESS

REGISTRATION

Please go to OSI-Baltimore.org/Fellowship-Application to register and upload completed application to the portal.

LETTER OF INQUIRY

The letter of inquiry should begin with a one-sentence description of the proposed fellowship project that states the goals and the means the applicant will use to attain the goals. The letter of inquiry should describe:

- where in Baltimore City will the project take place;
- the social or economic need for and the anticipated impact of the proposed project;
- how your unique experiences (personal, professional, academic, etc.), skills, and networks prepared you to carry out this particular project with the targeted Baltimore community;
- what do you hope to gain from and contribute to the Community Fellowships Network;
- why the proposed work is important to you and to the community;
- how will you accomplish the goals of the project; and,
- how the project will stimulate social change.

APPLICANT'S RESUME

Please submit your resume or CV.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- All materials must be uploaded by 5:00 PM on Monday, October 18, 2021.
- All letters of inquiry will be acknowledged by receipt.
- Applicants should go to OSI-Baltimore.org/Fellowship-Application to register and upload completed application to the portal.
- Questions about the process can be emailed to baltimorefellowship@opensocietyfoundations.org
- For additional information about the program, please visit OSIBaltimore.org.

All information submitted to OSI-Baltimore is confidential.

2020 FELLOWSHIP COHORT



Ateira Griffin

Building Our Nation's Daughters, Inc.
2020 OSI Community Fellow



Atiya Wells

Baltimore Living in Sustainable Simplicity
(BLISS) Meadows
2020 OSI Community Fellow



Bree Jones

Parity

2020 OSI Community Fellow



Darius Wilmore

The Short Kuts Narrative Therapy Initiative

2020 OSI Community Fellow



Elizabeth Finne

Parole Preparation Project

2020 OSI Community Fellow



E.V. Yost

Queer Crisis Response Unit

2020 OSI Community Fellow



Isaiah Johnson

Greenmount East Leadership Project (GELP)
2020 OSI Community Fellow



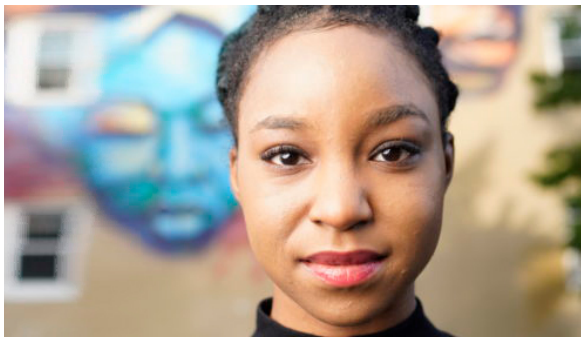
James Henderson

Pathways to College or Entrepreneurship
2020 OSI Community Fellow



Monica Lapenta

Be a Chef for a Day (BaCfaD) Beat Hunger Mobile
Teaching Kitchen and Grocery Shop
2020 OSI Community Fellow



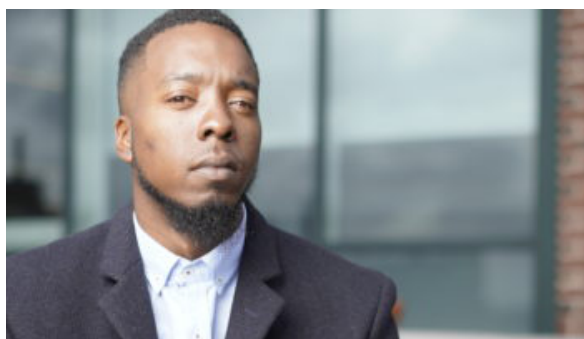
Tehya Jenae Faulk

Orphan We
2020 Youth Activist Community Fellow



Troy Staton

More Than a Shop
2020 OSI Community Fellow



Wayne Paige

The Beautiful Baltimore Project
2020 Youth Activist Community Fellow

Visit **OSIBaltimore.org**
to read profiles of previous
Baltimore Community Fellows.

**2019 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Elyshia D. Aseltine
Janet Glover-Kerkvliet
Damien A. Haussling
Marvin L. Hayes
Kanav Kathuria
Alphonso Mayo
Dinorah Olmos
Mariah S. Pratt Bonkowski
Ana Rodney
Kendra Summers

**2018 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Graham Coreil-Allen
Ciera Daniel
Eric Fishel
Jennay Ghowral
Shelley Halstead
Ava Pipitone
Aarti Sidhu
Emily Thompson
Fred Watkins
Brittany Young

**2017 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Jackie Bello
Matthew Burke
Ausar Daniels
Ryan Flanigan
Eric Jackson
Munib Lohrasbi
Alex Long
Kim Loper
Shantell Roberts
Amy Tenney

**2016 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Melissa Badeker
Jermaine Bell
J.C. Faulk
Katie Miller
Isa Olufemi
Eliseba Osore
Deborah Ramsey
Gianna Rodriguez
LaMarr D. Shields
Jennifer Will-Thapa

**2015 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Hari Adhikari
Hannah Brancato
Meryam Bouadjemi
Greg Carpenter
Darlene Crider
Dave Eassa
Brian Gerardo
Brion Gill
Evelyn (Chavi) Rhodes
Menes Yahudah

**2014 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Van Brooks
Shawn Burnett
Brian Francoise
Catherine Gonzales
Dwayne Johnson
Charlotte Keniston
Zina Makar
Vincent Purcell
Renita Seabrook
Agatha So
Roxanne E. Umphery

**2013 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Katheryn Anderson
Bernice Bishop (Deceased)
Ulysses Cofield
Lanaea Featherstone
Matthew Hanna
Megan Leschak
Jessica Lewis
Melissa Moore
Emily Schappi
Bill Tiefenwerth
Andre Turner
Denene Yates

**2012 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Harold Bailey
Antoine Bennett
Lawrence Brown
Cheryl Carmona
Lauren Goodsmith
David Hornbeck
Anne Kotleba
Pascha Lee
Christopher Merriam
Arthur Morgan
Akil Rahim
Bashi Rose

**2011 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Emily Datnoff
Andrew Gaddis
Natalie Keegan
Maya Kosok
Lara Law
Jill Pardini
Jason Reed
La Tasha Vanzie

**2010 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Gary Ashbeck
Rebecca Coleman
Meshelle Foreman Shields
Stephanie Murdock
Koli Tengella
Sarah Tooley
Jessica Turrall

**2009 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Efa Ahmed-Williams
Rhonda Elsey-Jones
Sarah Hemminger
Dwayne Hess
Herbert Johnson (Deceased)
Melissa Ruof
Tresubira Whitlow
Jill Wrigley (Deceased)

**2008 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Patrice Hutton
Jon A. Kaplan
Laurie Kendall
Cydne Kimbrough
Ashley Minner
Ivy Parsons
Joyce Smith (Deceased)
Shirell Tyner

**2007 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Miriam Avins
Kristina Berdan
Paige Fitz
Ashley Milburn
Irene Muñoz
Deborah Patterson
Nicholas Petr
Shantel Randolph

**2006 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Luisa C. Bieri de Rios
Tonya Featherston
Helen Keith
Kenya Lee
Aisling McGuckin
Philip J. Merrill
Galen Sampson
Beth Wacks

**2005 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Peter Babcox
Michelle Blue
Michelle DeBruin
Bernard Fayall (Deceased)
Najib Jammal
Bonnita Spikes
Matt Warfield
Christina Youngston

**2004 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Maria Broom
Allison Brown
Nancy Lord Lewin
Stanley Markowitz
Sarah Penna
Abbie (Riopelle) Flanagan
Jay Wolf Schlossberg-
Cohen
Zara Urgiles
Charlotte Walters
Jodie Zisow

**2003 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Samuel Epps
Leon Faruq (Deceased)
Shawn James
Bridget (Muller) Sampson
Dale Reid (Deceased)
Betty Robinson (Deceased)
Steven Rubin
Mellissa Rudder
Ameriga Strache
Joseph Williams

**2002 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Tammy Pinchin Brown
Rebekah Burgess
Keri Burneston
Elissa Leif
Tracey Oliver-Keyser
Avis Ransom (Deceased)
Jacqueline Robarge
Paul Santomenna
Leonard Sparks
Afefe Tyehimba

**2001 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Wanda Best
Chauna Brocht
Marshall Clarke
Jennifer Ferrara
Kara Hanson
Stephanie Joseph
Gary Letteron
Curtis Obi Obike
Betty Thomas
Jean Yahudah

**2000 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Lacey Benton
Julianne Franz
Gordon Glover
Clayton Guyton
Jean-Marie Holloway
Richard Rowe
Tony Shore
Russell Wattenberg
Christopher Wright
Kalima Young

**1999 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Karen Brown
Alison Burke
LaTanya Bailey Jones
Diane Kuthy
Corinne Meijer
John Millen
David Miller
Vernell Murray
Daniel Sekowski
Rebecca Yenawine

**1998 FELLOWSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

Lauren Abramson
Janet Felsten
Mary Ferguson
Gayle Hafner (Deceased)
Rachelle Harris
Terrence Hickey
Cinder Hypki
Maria Johnson-Poole
Alexandra Natapoff
Lola Willis

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