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FELLOWSHIPS APPLICATION

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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.
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 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 you will 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 OSI-Baltimore.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
Parole Preparation Project
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
Visit OSIbaltimore.org to read profiles of previous Baltimore Community Fellows.

**Troy Staton**
More Than a Shop
2020 OSI Community Fellow

**Wayne Paige**
The Beautiful Baltimore Project
2020 Youth Activist Community Fellow
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 Corell-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
Ausrar 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
Isha 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 Cridler
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 Koteleba
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 Turral

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
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<th>Year</th>
<th>Fellowship Recipients</th>
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<td>Luisa C. Bieri de Rios, Tonya Featherston, Helen Keith, Kenya Lee, Aisling McGuckin, Philip J. Merrill, Galen Sampson, Beth Wacks</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>Peter Babcox, Michelle Blue, Michelle DeBruin, Bernard Fayall (Deceased), Najib Jammal, Bonnita Spikes, Matt Warfield, Christina Youngston</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>Samuel Epps, Leon Faruq (Deceased), Shawn James, Bridget (Muller) Sampson, Dale Reid (Deceased), Betty Robinson (Deceased), Steven Rubin, Melissa Rudder, Ameriga Strache, Joseph Williams</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>Tammy Pinchin Brown, Rebekah Burgess, Keri Burneston, Elissa Leif, Tracey Oliver-Keyser, Avis Ransom (Deceased), Jacqueline Robarge, Paul Santomenna, Leonard Sparks, Afefe Tyehimba</td>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>Wanda Best, Chauna Brocht, Marshall Clarke, Jennifer Ferrara, Kara Hanson, Stephanie Joseph, Gary Letteron, Curtis Obi Obike, Betty Thomas, Jean Yahudah</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>Lacey Benton, Julianne Franz, Gordon Glover, Clayton Guyton, Jean-Marie Holloway, Richard Rowe, Tony Shore, Russell Wattenberg, Christopher Wright, Kalima Young</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>Karen Brown, Alison Burke, LaTanya Bailey Jones, Diane Kuthy, Corinne Meijer, John Millen, David Miller, Vernel Murray, Daniel Sekowski, Rebecca Yenawine</td>
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<td>1998</td>
<td>Lauren Abramson, Janet Felsten, Mary Ferguson, Gayle Hafner (Deceased), Rachelle Harris, Terrence Hickey, Cinder Hypki, Maria Johnson-Poole, Alexandra Natapoff, Lola Willis</td>
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