

2021-2022 Social Innovation Fellowship at Arizona State University

Purpose:

The Social Innovation Fellowship at Arizona State University (ASU) is designed to engage early- and mid-career leaders, communicators, analysts, writers, researchers, designers, engineers, technologists, policy-makers, and others in generating and advancing big ideas to transform higher education institutions and the communities they serve. As part of the Office of Applied Innovation, Fellows work entrepreneurially across ASU to advance projects in service of our [office mission](#) and the [ASU charter](#).

Overview:

Over 13 months, fellows will develop their own diverse project portfolio, leveraging a collaborative mindset and comprehensive skill set to identify and apply emerging scientific, technological, policy and design innovations to expand access to educational and economic opportunity.

Fellows spend a significant amount of their time working in partnership with one another or semi-autonomously to develop their own portfolio of projects during the fellowship. They identify problems and opportunities, conduct background research and partnership development, and design and initiate their own projects and programs with plans for transitioning them to a sustainable, permanent home at ASU or elsewhere. Fellows provide our office and ASU with the expanded capacity, diverse perspectives, and dedicated time and space required for constant ideation, incubation, and iteration. The fellowship's central positioning at ASU allows for the flexibility to pursue ideas and partnerships that span the enterprise at all levels.

The fellows are part of ASU's Office of Applied Innovation and work directly with the leader of that office ([see bios here](#)). Fellows work within a distinct entrepreneurial and collaborative office culture; they spend time gaining a better understanding of the role of higher education institutions in serving their communities, as well as developing and advancing innovative new ideas at a rapid pace. In addition, fellows consistently meet and collaborate with ASU students, faculty, staff, and community members to learn more about needs and opportunities within the university and community. This inter- and intra-organizational collaboration helps fellows develop and hone valuable cross-sector leadership skills and strategies.

About ASU:

Arizona State University has become a New American University, focused on access, excellence and impact in everything we do; measured not by who we exclude, but rather by who we include and how they succeed; pursuing research for the public good; and taking responsibility for the social, economic and cultural vitality of our surrounding communities. Given ASU's size (more than 120,000 students and more than 17,000 faculty and staff), projects developed by the fellows have the potential to be brought to scale through collaborative efforts both internal and external to the university. For the sixth consecutive year, ASU is ranked #1 most innovative university in the country by U.S. News & World Report.

Appointments:

Fellows complete a 13-month placement in the Office of Applied Innovation (August 9, 2021 – September 2, 2022). Outgoing and incoming fellows work collaboratively during a one-month transition period. The fellowship is full-time (40 hrs/week) with a salary starting at \$55,000 and upwards, commensurate with experience. Benefits include health insurance, vacation and sick leave, paid holidays, reduced tuition, [and more](#).

Eligibility and Qualifications:

Applications for the Fellowship in Social Innovation are invited from those who:

- Are able to commit for the entire duration of the program;
- Are authorized to work in the United States (Applicants must be either a citizen of the United States or be able to maintain work authorization throughout the fellowship. Arizona State University does not offer visa sponsorship to candidates for the fellowship program.)

Desired Qualifications

- Having completed any graduate program within the last seven years or graduating in Spring 2021.

Successful Candidates

The Office of Applied Innovation seeks candidates with a passion for improving the well-being of the communities around them and who wish to apply their unique talents to advance Arizona State University's charter and the institution's goals of expanding access to educational and economic opportunity. Successful candidates will exhibit the following qualities:

- Ability to quickly establish working relationships, making connections between people, groups, ideas and organizations;
- Outstanding written and verbal communication skills;
- Entrepreneurial spirit, self-directed, and comfortable with proposing one's own priorities;
- Teamwork-orientation and a willingness to learn through collaboration;
- Experience identifying problems and designing and launching related initiatives;
- Creative problem-solving skills, learning agility and ability to adapt to change;
- Comfort working with emerging technologies and their economic/social implications;
- Experience in making adjustments to project strategy and implementation;
- Capacity to perform in a fast-paced environment;
- Superior academic achievement.

How to Apply:

The extended deadline to apply is **Tuesday, June 8, 2021**, at 11:59 p.m. MST.

Step 1: Create a single Adobe Acrobat (.PDF) document that includes the following components in this order:

1. Cover letter that addresses your interest in the fellowship and your interest in our Office and in Arizona State University. Your cover letter should also highlight examples of how you exhibit the qualities listed in the "Eligibility and Qualifications" section above.
2. Resume, including employment listed in month/year format (e.g. August 2005-July 2008), job title, job duties/accomplishments and name of employing organization for each position. Education should include the month and year each academic degree was received. If the degree has not yet been earned, list the anticipated graduation date.
3. Contact information for three professional references, including name, phone number and email address for each.
4. Response, in writing, to the following prompt: Describe a compelling example of how scientific, technological, policy, and/or design innovations have been used to induce positive social outcomes; examples can be from your personal or professional experience, or those you've observed. (Limit response to 300 words or less).
5. Writing sample demonstrating your skill in writing, critical thinking, analysis and synthesis of ideas/information (please limit writing sample to 10 pages or fewer).

Step 2: Email your completed application to appliedinnovation@asu.edu with the subject "2021 Fellowship Application" by the deadline. Be sure to remember application materials should clearly exhibit

the qualifications listed in the “Eligibility and Qualifications” section above. Please submit your PDF file with the following naming convention: “Last Name_First Name_Fellowship Application.”

Step 3: Complete the required Fellowship in Social Innovation form. This form is required to complete your Fellowship application. This form will be emailed to you after you complete Step 1.

Arizona State University is a VEVRAA Federal Contractor and an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, protected veteran status, or any other basis protected by law. EO/AA Statement:

<https://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd401.html> Title IX Statement: <https://www.asu.edu/titleIX/>.

Fellowship Contact:

Please visit <http://appliedinnovation.asu.edu/fellowship> for additional details about the Social Innovation Fellowship.

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