

Invitation for Proposals

August 2022

THE VAN EVERA BAILEY FELLOWSHIP

Architecture Foundation of Oregon & The Oregon Community Foundation

Introduction

Architecture defines how we relate to the world; it directs human movement, attention, behavior, and emotions.

This Fellowship is an opportunity for professionals to examine not only what they think, but how they think. For many, the demands of our careers and the market do not encourage thoughtful reflection on the more nuanced impact of architecture in our daily lives. The Van Evera Bailey grant is an investment in an ongoing dialogue with the community of professionals responsible for our built environment. We hope for Fellows to return the investment through future work that makes a lasting contribution to the art and practice of architecture.

Overview

Since 2001, AFO has partnered with The Van Evera and Janet M. Bailey Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation in awarding the now \$25,000 annual Van Evera Bailey Fellowship to advance the professional development of design and building professionals, encouraging greater contributions to their profession and their community.

Fellowship projects follow a variety of paths but the most compelling projects propose work that can have an impact on communities as well as individual professionals. Examples of eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Sabbaticals for study of innovative architectural design to be applied in Oregon
- Teaching engagements that promise enhancement of the applicant's and students' creativity in architectural design
- Collaborations between architects and planners or others toward the implementation of new projects
- Preparation of public education projects; or research and writing on a specific topic

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Eligibility

Eligibility for the Fellowship is flexible. Favorable emphasis will be given to applicants based in Oregon who are at a point of inflection in their career. The intention of the Fellowship is to provide time for creativity, reflection and a pursuit of deeper understanding of ideas that will result in lasting value to the applicant, the profession and the greater community.

The Fellowship is intended to promote dissemination and application of ideas. Support may be requested for stipends, travel, lodging, materials, and other relevant needs. Projects must include follow-up activities that in some way share the results of the Fellowship with the professional community and general public. Fellows will be asked to provide information to document

their experience. At the end of the Fellowship, AFO and the Fellow will collaborate on a short presentation highlighting their work and findings.

Applicants may apply jointly for a Van Evera Bailey Fellowship. For example, if an architect and an urban planner see potential for an innovative project that requires unusual research, they might apply jointly for stipends or support of travel and other expenses in order to examine relevant work in other communities, states, or countries; consult with professional peers and leading thinkers; formulate detailed plans; and produce articles or public education programs.

Current members of the board of AFO are not eligible to apply or to receive Fellowship funds indirectly as a partner in a proposed project.

Past Fellows

2021	Todd Lawson	2013	William C. Tripp, AIA & Toni Lettiere
2020	Jackie Santa Lucia, AIA	2012	Brannon Lobdell, AIA
2020	Harley Cowan	2009	James McGrath, AIA
2019	Jennifer Wright, AIA	2007	Mark Perepelitza, AIA
2018	Rick Potestio, AIA	2006	Jean von Bargaen Root, AIA
2017	Quang Truong, AIA	2005	Becca Cavell, FAIA
2017	Jerry Waters, AIA	2005	Paul McKean, AIA
2016	Randy Gragg	2004	Richard Browning, AIA
2015	Jeff Schnabel	2003	Bonnie Bayard
2014	Joseph Readdy, AIA	2002	Suzanne Zuniga, AIA
2013	Erica Dunn, AIA	2001	John Cava

[Learn more about past fellows](#)

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Application Requirements

In 2020 we transitioned our application process to a platform called Submittable. Applicants must now submit proposals electronically through an application form. You will be asked to make a free account through Submittable, which will allow you to save drafts as you work through the application and allow you to access your submitted application at any time.

Proposal Application Form: bit.ly/vebfellowship2023

1. Greatest scoring weight will be given to the application essay prompts outlined below:

- Describe your proposed project and a clearly articulated thesis statement that will guide and frame your work. (500 word limit)
- Explain the impact of the project on the applicant, the building profession and the communities served. Explain the documented need to be addressed by the Fellowship and any challenges you feel you might face. (500 word limit)
- Describe the plans for dissemination of the project results - dissemination plans do not need to adhere to any specific criteria and creative communication tools are encouraged. Please consider public access to the project and how the outcomes/findings will be communicated. (500 word limit)
- Explain your experience and qualifications to address the topic at hand - including but not limited to your academic, civic and professional experience. (250 word limit)
- Complete the Work Plan table which includes objectives, activities, and timeline.

2. Additional Attachments:

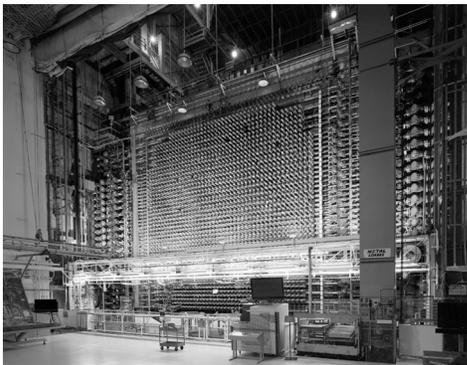
- Resume of the applicant(s).
- Itemized budget for the entire Fellowship. If other sources of support will be used to complement Fellowship support, please identify them and whether they have been secured. **IMPORTANT NOTE: The award of a VEB Fellowship is taxable income. Applicants must plan and budget accordingly.**
- Two or three letters of support from different perspectives which may include other design professionals, architectural organizations, or representatives of other fields, indicating why the proposed Fellowship is important to the professional community. References should address personal capabilities of the applicant and value of the project.
- Brief design portfolio of materials that illuminate the applicant's work and its relevance to the proposed project.

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Process and Timetable

Applications will be reviewed by a committee including design and building professionals in collaboration with OCF and AFO. Applicants may be asked to submit further information or to speak with representatives of OCF and AFO to clarify their proposals. The review committee will make recommendations to the board of The Oregon Community Foundation. OCF reserves the right to approve Fellowships at its sole discretion. The VEB Fellowship will be awarded by OCF through the Architecture Foundation of Oregon and will be announced publicly by December. The year-long Fellowship period begins January 1 of 2023.



2020 Fellow Harley Cowan



2020 Fellow Jackie Santa Lucia



2018 Fellow Rick Potestio

Questions?

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fellowship](http://www.af-oregon.org/van-evera-bailey-fellowship)

Deadline: Monday, October 17, 2022 for projects to begin January 2023. The award will be announced by December 2022.

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[Proposal Application Form](#)