

Invitation for Proposals

August 2024

Introduction

The Van Evera Bailey Fellowship exists to inspire design and building professionals to deepen their understanding of design's role in creating an Oregon where everyone can thrive.

This Fellowship is an opportunity for professionals to examine not only what they think, but how they think. 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/or the greater community. 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 Fellowship is an investment in an ongoing dialogue with the community of professionals responsible for our built environment. Fellows return the investment through work that makes a lasting contribution to the art and practice of architecture.

The Architecture Foundation of Oregon (AFO) uses a JEDI-informed process in all our programs to fulfill our equity goals. We believe that architecture and the built environment can address our most challenging problems, and that Oregon is stronger when more people from diverse backgrounds participate in designing the places that shape our world. We believe that design should consider diverse points of view, and reflect these views, in a built environment that provides access and equity for all.

Overview

Since 2001, AFO has partnered with The Van Evera and Janet M. Bailey Fund of Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) in awarding the now \$50,000 annual Van Evera Bailey Fellowship to advance the professional development of design and building professionals, encouraging greater contributions to their profession and their community. [Learn more about our recent increase in funding.](#)

Fellowship projects follow a variety of paths. 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 others to implement new projects
- Preparation of public education projects
- Research and writing on a specific design-related topic

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Eligibility

Eligibility for the Fellowship is flexible. Favorable emphasis will be given to applicants who are based in Oregon who are looking to deepen and expand their impact in the built environment. Fellows build on their experiences, inquisitions, and observations in their professional and personal lives to explore new ways of thinking. Often, Fellows take the opportunity to explore a passion that has developed through their years in the community that they have not had the time or resources to pursue.

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 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 at the annual Fellowship Reception in the year following the Fellowship completion.

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.

Current & Past Fellows

2024	Marta Petti	2013	Erica Dunn, AIA
2023	Kayin Talton Davis & Cleo Davis	2013	William C. Tripp, AIA & Toni Lettiere
2023	Jonathan Bolch	2012	Brannon Lobdell, AIA
2021	Todd Lawson	2009	James McGrath, AIA
2020	Jackie Santa Lucia, AIA	2007	Mark Perepelitza, AIA
2020	Harley Cowan	2006	Jean von Barga Root, AIA
2019	Jennifer Wright, AIA	2005	Becca Cavell, FAIA
2018	Rick Potestio, AIA	2005	Paul McKean, AIA
2017	Quang Truong, AIA	2004	Richard Browning, AIA
2017	Jerry Waters, AIA	2003	Bonnie Bayard
2016	Randy Gragg	2002	Suzanne Zuniga, AIA
2015	Jeff Schnabel	2001	John Cava
2014	Joseph Readdy, AIA		

[Learn more about past Fellows](#)

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Application Requirements

Applicants submit proposals electronically through the online platform Submittable. You will be asked to make a free account, 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/vebfellowship2025

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)
 - Describe the impact of the project, including the documented need to be addressed by the Fellowship. Explain who the project is designed to impact: the applicant, the building profession, and/or a specified community. (250 word limit)
 - Describe any challenges you feel you might face. (250 word limit)
 - Explain your experience and qualifications to address the topic at hand - including but not limited to your academic, civic, professional, and lived experience. (250 word limit)
 - Describe how you will make your project results available to the public for the benefit of the professional community. Examples: Posting your results on your personal or professional website, creating a public exhibition, including your Fellowship story in a public-facing final project. Note that your AFO Fellowship Reception presentation can fulfill this requirement. (250 word limit)
 - Explain or list your schedule/timeline/work plan for the completion of the project. [See examples here.](#)
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 to three letters of support from a variety of perspectives indicating why the proposed Fellowship is important to the professional community. Examples: Other design professionals, architectural organizations, or representatives of other fields, 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 Timeline

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of 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 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 with a Fellowship Reception hosted by AFO in early 2025. The year-long Fellowship period begins January 1 of 2025.

Apply Now

Deadline: Sunday, October 27, 2024

Projects to begin January 2025

Award will be announced by December 2024

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Questions?

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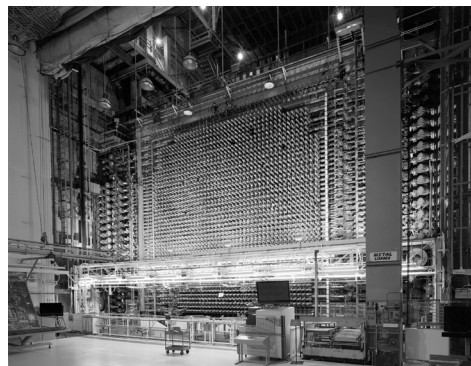
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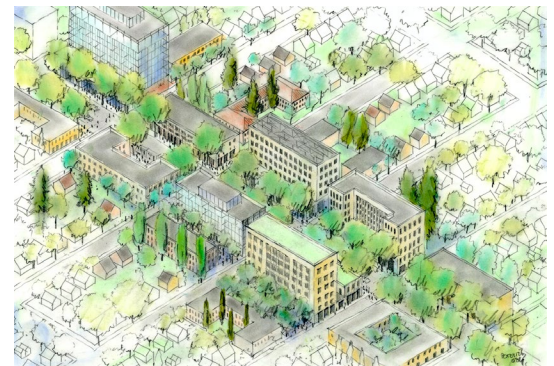
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2023 Fellow Jonathan Bolch



2020 Fellow Harley Cowan



2018 Fellow Rick Potestio