



## **Blossom Hill Foundation Fellowship Application**

The Blossom Hill Foundation seeks passionate, committed individuals with innovative ideas. We do that by looking at the strength of an individual's character and the strength of his/her idea.

We identify candidates for the Fellowship Program who have significant personal integrity and a sincere commitment to social change.

We identify strong ideas for funding that demonstrate authentic need, bold, innovative approaches and potential for great impact.

### **Strong CANDIDATES possess two core values:**

*Personal Integrity* – a potential fellow...

- Is empathetic and compassionate toward others
- Has leadership experience or potential (passionate, trained, loyal, dedicated)
- Has confronted adverse circumstances and demonstrated resilience
- Shows a sense of purpose for common good

*Commitment to Social Change* – a potential fellow...

- Has a proven track record of genuine commitment to the cause he/she proposes and/or other social causes (work, study and/or personal experience with the proposed plan and/or community)
- Shows interest in changing the status quo and/or is knowledgeable of those who have done so, serving as models and inspiration
- Has a collaborative spirit in order to broaden reach, particularly by involving those in need and aiming to empower them

### **Strong IDEAS show three key characteristics:**

*Demonstrated Need* – a strong idea...

- Articulates an authentic need and genuine desire for change in the community
- Shows clear evidence of the need and likelihood for success of the proposed approach based on knowledge of the community

*Innovation* – a strong idea...

- Is creative and bold, presenting a novel approach to a social problem and/or serving a population in need
- Employs critical thinking and in-depth analysis to alleviate social need
- Recognizes the appropriate tools for community outreach, awareness, education, and action

*Impact* – a strong idea...

- Is a thoughtful plan with specific, measurable, realistic goals and benchmarks
- Welcomes input and feedback in order to refine and improve the approach
- Aims to continue, expand or replicate what is proven effective



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Thank you for your interest in the Blossom Hill Foundation Fellowship Program. Please read through the application carefully before completing it. Kindly ensure that you have answered all the questions. **All applicants must complete an online registration form <https://goo.gl/forms/PGKra60ZuKVKqvy63> before emailing your application to [fellowship@blossomhill-foundation.org](mailto:fellowship@blossomhill-foundation.org).** If applying as a team, both applicants must complete the online registration form, as well as the candidate profile portion below.

**Applications are due on Friday, April 14, 2017. All attachments must be submitted as PDFs.** Incomplete applications will not be considered. Thank you!

### **Candidate #1 Profile**

Name:

Age, as of 4/14/2017:

Gender:

Country of Origin:

Current Citizenship, if different from Country of Origin:

Legal Status in Program Country (if different from country of origin and/or citizenship):

Will a visa be required for your proposal?

What time limitations are imposed on the visa?

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Skype:

Highest formal education attained (name of school/degree/discipline):

Employer (if applicable):

Languages: Primary

Proficiency in Other(s):

What language(s) will be required for your proposal?

If applying as a team, please complete this second candidate profile.

**Candidate #2 Profile** (if applicable):

Name:

Age, as of 4/14/2017:

Gender:

Country of Origin:

Current Citizenship, if different from Country of Origin:

Legal Status in Program Country (if different from country of origin and/or citizenship):

Will a visa be required for your proposal?

What time limitations are imposed on the visa?

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Skype:

Highest formal education attained (name of school/degree/discipline):

Employer (if applicable):

Languages: Primary

Proficiency in Other(s):

What language(s) will be required for your proposal?

How did you learn about the Blossom Hill Fellowship? Please be specific and identify the organization, individual or social media outlet that alerted you to this opportunity.

**Fiscal Sponsor Profile** All applicants will be required to have a fiscal sponsor, which must be a U.S. registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Fiscal sponsors will be required to agree to manage and disperse funds to the fellow according to the terms of the project.

Name of Organization:

EIN:

Address:

Phone:

Primary Contact Name, Title:

Email:

Skype:

What percentage of administrative fee will be assessed to the Blossom Hill Foundation fellowship?

Please describe history of your relationship with fiscal sponsor (**100 words** maximum):

**Please submit a copy of the Fiscal Sponsor's:**

- 501(c)(3) determination letter
- Board of Directors
- Most recent financial audit
- List of major supporters

## Overview of Proposal

Blossom Hill Fellowships can be for the pursuit of a program or product. There are two Fellowship categories, and based on performance fellowships may be renewed for one additional year.

- **Emerging Leader Fellowships** are for ideas that are discrete efforts over a finite period of time. These are \$5,000 to \$10,000 one-year fellowships.
- **Sustaining Impact Fellowships** are for highly ambitious and comprehensive ideas that entail long-term programming. These fellowships are \$25,000 to \$50,000 one-year fellowships.

Title of Proposal:

Is this a pilot idea, not previously implemented?

If not, when did it begin?

Where will your idea (product, program, or project) take place?

Timeline for Proposal Development and Implementation:

Please describe the population to be served: (number of individuals, age, ethnicity, community):

Name and Contact information of Partner Organization, if partnering with local NGO:

Description of Partner Organization (1-2 sentences/50 words maximum)

Total budget (in U.S. dollars) for Year I:

Please list additional sources of income, if applicable:

Budget Restrictions: Fellow travel expenses to the program site (e.g. flight from New York to Turkey) should not exceed 20% of the fellowship budget.

Please provide two letters of reference per candidate; each letter should be one page maximum. References should speak to your personal character and leadership ability; they may be academic, extracurricular and/or work related. Include name, title, organization, relationship to you, duration of relationship; and email address for each reference.

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Second candidate references:

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2.

**Application Questions** (4-5 pages maximum)

1. What is your idea (for a project, program or product)? **(250 words maximum)**

*Please include where and for whom this idea is intended, when it will take place, why it is important, what it intends to accomplish, what needs it will meet within the intended community, how it will be implemented in year one, and the funding required/requested amount.*

2. How will you attract participants with this idea? (**100 words** maximum)

3. Please list **3-5 central objectives** and their anticipated outcomes.

*Example: a) This project will use a student-centered, participatory approach to teaching 50 mothers in an impoverished village about hygienic practices in order to reduce existing preventable diseases by 25% within one year.*

*Example: b) This product will reuse locally sourced material and be developed by training 25 youth from a specific town to reduce litter by 50% and increase employment by 10% in this area within 6 months.*

4. How will you measure your objectives to demonstrate your progress? *Please explain your measure of success.* (**150 words** maximum)

5. Why are you the best person to lead this endeavor? (**100 words** maximum). *Please explain why you want to address the problem and/or population you aim to serve and demonstrate any relevant experience that makes you capable/competent to address this issue and/or population.*



6. What makes you a leader or cite examples that demonstrate your leadership potential? **(150 words maximum)** *Describe what inspires you or provide an example of your leadership and how this motivation or these characteristics will inform how you manage your idea.*

7. Please provide a budget and a brief budget narrative in five to ten sentences. *Itemize your budget with related costs and succinctly explain how funding will be used.*

**Terms of Agreement** If awarded by the Blossom Hill Foundation, I agree to honor the following areas:

- Expend the grant funding in the manner indicated in this grant proposal.
- Honestly reflect on the effort and progress made by fulfilling reporting requirements and submitting them according to deadlines.
- Communicate with my mentor and/or the Foundation as required and to share both concerns and progress.

Signature (electronic):

Date:

**2017 Fellowship Application Checklist:**

- Completed online registration form
- Completed candidate profile for each applicant
- All attachments are in PDF format
- Attached two (2) letters of recommendation per applicant
- Attached required fiscal sponsor documents:
  - 501(c)(3) determination letter
  - Board of Directors
  - Most recent financial audit
  - List of major supporters