2020 PROJECT FREEWAY FELLOWSHIP

DiverseWorks presents the Project Freeway Fellowship Program for artists and creative individuals interested in socially-engaged creative practices. The Project Freeway Fellowship was developed in response to the rapid growth and diversification of the city of Houston and DiverseWorks’ desire to support innovative artists’ projects that engage all Houstonians, especially in neighborhoods outside of the city center. Interested participants must live in the Greater Houston Area and be able to attend weekly program activities between July 2020 and December 2020.

Throughout the six-month Fellowship, the selected artists will meet with DW staff and other artists, activists, and arts professionals to help in the development of artistic strategies that focus on sustaining the arts in the community, advocacy, and social change. This Fellowship is research-driven and supports the development and presentation of a site-specific project within each Fellows’ neighborhood.

Two applicants will be selected as Fellows who will each be awarded a $5,000 honorarium with additional support for production and materials.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Opens: 5 pm, Wednesday, March 18th
Application Deadline: 11:59 pm, Monday, May 18th
Fellows Announced: Monday, June 15th
Fellowship Dates: July 2020 – December 2020

FELLOWSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- Individuals and collectives living in the Greater Houston Area are eligible to apply.
- Collectives should submit one application only and designate a lead contact.
- Registered full-time students are not eligible.
- Applicants must commit to create and complete their projects within their neighborhood.
FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit via Submittable: diverseworks.submittable.com/submit

1. Description of your proposed project
   When writing your description please be sure to answer the following questions:
   ● How do you intend to activate your neighborhood through art and why is this important to you?
   ● Describe your neighborhood and your perception of the artistic and cultural activities there.
   ● Does the project propose innovative practices that will help you to expand your work as an artist?
   ● What is the project’s capacity to affect social change in your neighborhood and community?

2. Images (jpg or mp4). No more than 10.

3. Supplemental documents or links (press clips, video links, other writing samples)

4. Resume or CV (if applying as a collective, provide one for each member)

Project Freeway Fellows will be required to attend weekly meetings, as well as provide regular and open communication regarding project status, planned events, timeline changes, and other relevant issues.

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Questions? Email Maya Nicole White, Program Assistant at maya@diverseworks.org

ABOUT DIVERSEWORKS

DiverseWorks is a non-profit, multidisciplinary arts organization whose mission is to commission, produce, and present new and daring art in all its forms through innovative collaborations that honor each artist’s vision without constraint. Founded by artists in 1982, DiverseWorks is nationally known for its groundbreaking artistic programming, meaningful engagement with communities, and the advancement of progressive art and ideas in Houston and the nation.

SUPPORT

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