

CREATIVE COMMUNITY FELLOWS PROGRAM

Around the world, there are artists, activists, community organizers, administrators and entrepreneurs working as change-makers in their communities – using arts and culture as vehicles to drive physical and social transformations. Community change requires leaders with grit, those who are passionate and dedicated to tackling the challenges that lie ahead. It requires leaders who carefully engage local partners, who listen to the advice and counsel of community members and adapt their strategy based upon community feedback.

With the support of The Kresge Foundation, we've built the Creative Community Fellows program for leaders working in this space. We give them tools, training and access to a community of support. This combination will fuel their visions for community change, sparking new ideas and helping propel them into action.

This community of change-makers, combined with Fellows from the first cohort, will create a powerful network in which ideas and opportunities flow freely. The inaugural class demonstrated how the collective wisdom of Fellows, mentors, faculty and communities fuels each project and creates a global dialogue about the ways in which culture can restore and animate communities.

The Creative Community Fellows program, presented in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy & Practice and The Center for Social Impact Strategy, incorporates a residential and an online track but we are creating a single, unique community of entrepreneurs. All Fellows enter the program with an idea for a cultural project that responds to a problem they want to solve in their communities.

Application open
March 16-April 26, 2015

To learn more or apply, go to artstrategies.org/creative_community_fellows.