

Soros Equality Fellowship

Frequently Asked Questions

What types of projects is the Fellowship seeking to fund?

We are looking for a diverse array of projects across different fields of study influencing racial justice in the United States. To that end, we have intentionally been broad in our guidelines to encourage the creativity and innovation we seek to foster. While each year's cohort will be different, we encourage applicants to review previous year's cohorts as well as the application guidelines to get a better understanding of the types of projects that have been successful.

I am working on a project with a group, can we apply jointly?

Up to two individuals can apply jointly for a Soros Equality Fellowship. However, joint applications carry a single award and should submit a single application. It will be up to the applicants to describe their specific working relationship and why a joint fellowship is appropriate. This is an individual award therefore, an idea that is simply an existing project based within an organization, will not be considered.

I have more than one project idea; can I submit multiple applications in a single year?

Due to the high volume of applications we receive, we ask applicants to submit only one proposal. If unsuccessful, applicants are more than welcome to reapply again in future years with the same or different proposal.

Am I qualified to apply?

We are looking for strong candidates with a track record of success advancing racial justice goals. Generally, this person will have roughly 10+ years' experience (as defined by the individual) and significant expertise in the field in which they work. Ultimately, we want to be sure that the fellow is able to fulfil the goals of their project. We encourage applicants to look at previous Soros Equality Fellows as their body of work and experience level is indicative of the type of applicants that we are seeking.

I am having difficulty submitting my application to the online portal / I have received an error message

The most common problem applicants have when submitting their application is accidentally registering as an "Organization" rather than an "Individual." The Soros Equality Fellowship can only accept individual applicants. To resolve this issue, you will need to reregister as an individual. Please review the most common technical issues including this one for guidance. If you are still unable to determine the problem, please email for additional technical assistance.

I have reviewed the application guidelines and FAQ and still have a question.

If you have reviewed all available materials and still have a question regarding the Fellowship and/or your submission. Please send a brief email to equality.fellowship@opensocietyfoundations.org. During the open application process, this email address is monitored frequently but given the high volume of questions, please expect a delay in response.