

ENCORE PUBLIC VOICES FELLOWSHIP

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2019-20 Encore Public Voices Fellowship Application

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SUMMARY

The Encore Public Voices Fellowship is a prestigious year-long initiative to accelerate the ideas and impact of 20 new and necessary thought leaders working at the intersection of aging/longevity, intergenerational connection and social justice.

Many parts of the world are rapidly aging. In the United States, we have added more than 30 years to life expectancy in the past century, but not across the board. Whites live longer than people of color. Women live longer than men. And the richest Americans live 10-15 years longer than the poorest. In 2019, for the first time ever, there are more people over the age of 60 than under the age of 18. The ripple effects of these shifts will affect every aspect of society.

We need better and faster ideas from a more diverse set of people **of all ages**, including those who are most impacted by the uneven implications of these realities, and thus most likely to see new solutions and envision a more just future. The Encore Public Voices Fellowship is a collaboration among [The OpEd Project](#), [Encore.org](#), and Ann MacDougall and is part of The OpEd Project's national Public Voices initiative to change who writes history.

Participants will receive extraordinary support, skills and mentoring to ensure their ideas shape the greater public conversation. All participants will publish at least two written pieces (hopefully many more) during their fellowship.

We are looking for:

- 20 fellows
- Community and business leaders, activists, entrepreneurs, writers, educators, researchers and other thinkers
- A diverse mix of people across all identities.

- A solutions-oriented mindset

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Year-long program
- Four required in-person convenings (specific dates/times below).
- Dedicated editors (top journalists) who provide regular, hands-on, one-on-one support/editing/coaching and help place articles
- A limited number of travel stipends for those who need them

CONVENINGS WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK CITY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

*Please note: Only applicants who can commit to attend all four in-person convenings will be considered.

- Thursday, September 26, 2019 (9am-5pm) and Friday, September 27, 2019 (9am-1pm)
- Tuesday, December 3, 2019 (9am-4pm)
- Friday, March 6, 2020 (9am-4pm)
- Friday, May 8, 2020 (9am-4pm)

GET READY TO APPLY

The following application will ask for general personal/professional details, diversity and inclusion information and your responses to three application questions.

The application deadline is 5pm EDT, Wednesday, June 26.

Prior to completing this application, please do the following. We estimate that this pre-work should take an hour to complete.

1. Review the session dates for the 2020 Encore Public Voices Fellowship cohort. If you are selected, you will be asked to commit to full attendance. (Note: A limited number of travel stipends will be available.)
2. Background materials:
 - Review the whole announcement [here](#).
 - Scan the [Viewpoints Page](#) of Encore.org.
 - Watch [this video](#) (approx 12 min).
 - Read this selection of pieces from last year's Encore Public Voices Fellows:
 - [Still missing in the flood of new emoji — an icon on the value of intergenerational relationships](#) (Joy Zhang in *The San Francisco Chronicle*)
 - [The most important job in the world is one no one wants anymore](#) (Sarita Gupta in *Quartz*)
 - [Kids, it's time to give your parents 'the talk.' Not that one, the one on climate change.](#) (Mick Smyer in *USA Today*)

APPLY

General Information (* required):

1. First Name *
2. Last Name *
3. Email *
4. Phone number *
5. Name of organization / affiliation (if any) *
6. Professional title *
7. Professional bio * (300 words or less. PLEASE NOTE: If selected, this bio will be used as a basis for the official bio in fellowship materials).
8. Upload your resume here.* OR include your LinkedIn profile. (Note: Only applications with a resume and/or LinkedIn profile will be considered).
9. City/town, state of residence, zip code *
10. Who (if anybody) referred you to this fellowship? * (Please also include your relationship to the referrer).
11. How did you hear about the Encore Public Voices Fellowship?
 - Through Encore.org / Gen2Gen
 - Through The OpEd Project
 - Through social media
 - Through a friend
 - Other: _____

Diversity and Inclusion Information:

We are committed to building a cohort that is inclusive across all identities and backgrounds. We will take into account a variety of factors, including but not limited to race/ethnicity, geography, age, gender and area of expertise.

12. Preferred gender pronouns
 - She/her
 - He/him
 - They/their
 - Other: _____
 - Prefer not to say
13. How would you describe yourself? *Select only one.*
 - White
 - Black or African American
 - American Indian and Alaskan Native
 - Asian
 - Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander
 - Two or more races
 - Other: _____
14. Please indicate if you are: *Select only one.*
 - Hispanic origin
 - Not Hispanic origin
15. Applicant generation * *Select only one.*
 - Greatest Generation (1900-1924)
 - Silent Generation (1925-1945)

- Baby Boomer (1946-1964)
 - GenX (1965-1980)
 - Millennial (1981-1997)
 - Gen Z or younger (1998 or after)
16. What sector do you work in or play a leadership role in? * *Check all that apply.*
- Nonprofit or public sector
 - Faith-based
 - Corporate
 - Human Resources / Talent
 - Media
 - Government
 - Education
 - Other: _____

Application questions*:

Please answer the following essay questions. Each answer should be 300 words or less.

17. Describe your relevant expertise, work experience and/or life experience relating to issues around aging-longevity and/or intergenerational relationships. (See 'background materials' above for context.)

18. Why is your voice and perspective needed at this moment in our history, and how will your ideas change the world?

19. Why is this fellowship important to you, at this moment in your life?

Travel assistance*:

We have limited travel support funds for fellows traveling from outside the NYC area, which will be split between fellows based on need.

20. Travel support. *Mark only one*

- I can cover my own travel/accommodation costs
- My organization or institution can cover my travel/accommodation costs
- I will need support to cover travel/accommodation costs
- N/A I am based in the NYC area
- Other: _____

Requirements*:

By submitting this application, I confirm that I can attend all four quarterly gatherings and will work to write (with the support of the program) a minimum of two op-eds and hopefully many more.

[Please mark the checkbox]