The Association for Community Design is offering a 9-month fellowship for practitioners who would like to increase their knowledge and skills in community-engaged design.

The ACD Fellowship will offer support for six fellows from around the country from July 2019 through March 2020. The ACD Fellowship will provide strategic and holistic support for a small cohort of designers, planners, and other built environment professionals, in order to build their capacity to practice community-engaged design.

Fellowship Overview

The fellowship will provide the following five types of support for each fellow:

Community engaged design best practices:
• Fellows will gain an understanding of the context of community engagement
• Fellows will understand our role in communities and with each other
• Fellows will learn strategies and tactics of how to work in and with communities

Mentorship:
• Fellows will be matched with at least one professional mentor, who will provide support and advice tailored specifically to the fellow’s needs

Access to the ACD Board:
• Fellows will be provided support identifying resources, sharing ideas and networks
• Fellows will be provided a personal introduction to ACD Board members, along with bios and areas of expertise

Building Community:
• Fellows will be invited to ACD networking sessions at the conference
• Fellows will build community as a cohort via conference and online communication

Virtual Program:
• Fellows will be part of a series of online workshops and webinars, connecting them with invited guest speakers and leaders in the field, as well as various resources and engagement opportunities
• Fellows will join a group of peers and mentors that will check in once a month to provide space for discussion, reflection, and information sharing

For more information or questions, please contact sagrawal@communitydesign.org
Participation Requirements & Stipend
To participate as an ACD Fellow, conference attendance is required. ACD 2019 Conference “People+” will be held June 28-29, Greenwood MS, hosted by Delta Design Build Workshop and friends. The ACD Fellowship will cover; ACD membership for one year, conference and pre-conference registration fees, $600 towards travel and housing for the conference, individual mentoring with a community-engaged practitioner, networking session with a community of practitioners and board members, and tuition for virtual program.

Qualifications
We welcome all applicants, but the fellowship will be geared toward those who:
• Have 3-8 years of work experience in community-engaged design or bring a diversity of experiences related to the built environment
• Have an explicit interest in growing their knowledge and skills in order to advance or shift their practice to be more community-engaged
• Are positioned to implement the skills and insights gained from their fellowship experience in their professional practice
• Bring a diversity of lived experiences and are willing to be authentic, vulnerable and honest with one another

Eligibility
• All applicants must fill out the application in full
• All applicants must commit to attending the ACD conference if selected
• All applications must commit to fully participating in all aspects of the fellowship

Deadline
Application deadline is MAY 19, 11:59pm PST

Application
Please complete your application online by going to the following link:

Contact
If you have any questions related to the fellowship, this application, or ACD, please contact sagrawal@communitydesign.org