ACLS Leading Edge Fellowship

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<td>The Brotherhood Sister Sol (New York, NY)</td>
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<td>Stipend:</td>
<td>$60,000 per year, plus health insurance and professional development funding</td>
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ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

For more than 25 years, BroSis has been at the forefront of social justice, educating, training and organizing to challenge inequality and champion opportunity for all. With a focus on Black and Latinx youth, BroSis is where young people own the power of their history, identity and community to create the future they want to see. Our around-the-clock support and wraparound programming make space for young people to examine their roots, define their story and awaken their agency. Through our four to six-year Rites of Passage program, we develop a critical understanding of history, culture, politics and society. And, with programs that span the arts, environment and international study to college, career and wellness, BroSis provides far-reaching opportunities for young people to transform their lives and communities. BroSis also engages in youth organizing, and we are centrally involved in today’s pressing campaigns, including a reform of Stop & Frisk, closing Rikers Island, passing the MRTA, and increasing student support staff and addressing the school-to-prison pipeline in NYC public schools. Learn more at https://brotherhood-sistersol.org/

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Despite challenges posed by Covid, The Brotherhood Sister Sol have been as engaged in our organizing as ever. Our youth organizers have engaged in virtual meetings with elected officials including Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, Council Member Mark Levine, and Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, and have also provided testimony to numerous City Council and other meetings. With the new mayoral administration in 2021, and as NYC continues to battle COVID and its secondary impacts, both of which disparately impact communities of color, there is both a need and an opportunity to center and advance policies that address the inequities that have been made more clear to many over the past year.

The Leading Edge Fellow will join efforts to translate our bold and transformative vision into concrete policy initiatives and strategies that leverage organizing, coalition building, and strategic communications to achieve change at the city and state levels. They will work closely with organizational leadership, including our Executive Director and Associate Director, and our organizing team to advance policy campaigns around our various initiatives, including our efforts to address the school-to-prison pipeline in NYC public schools, and organize for justice in areas including but not limited to racial justice, economic justice, environmental justice and criminal justice. This is a unique opportunity to work with an innovative, Black-led social justice organization. This is a full-time commitment for the fellowship year, including dedicated time for professional development activities.

Responsibilities and tasks:

- Creating white papers to educate the public about social justice issues that are critical to NYC’s youth of color: e.g. the school-to-prison pipeline, growing food insecurity, marijuana legalization, and closing Riker’s Island;
- Creating policy briefs to advocate for these critical policy changes;

This position is only available through the Leading Edge Fellowship program. You may not contact the host institution to inquire about this position.
• Performing research and obtaining statistical data for reports;
• Engaging youth and community residents in qualitative and quantitative surveys;
• Collaborating with staff and youth organizers to advance social justice campaigns;
• Collaborating with education team to create related curriculum resources for educators.

Qualifications:

• PhD in any field of the humanities or humanistic social sciences. Read more about eligible fields here;
• Excellent writing, research, and presentation skills;
• Excellent organizational skills and detail-oriented approach;
• Strong project management skills;
• Interest in social justice movements, organizing, and policy.

Preferred:

• Familiarity with New York City, particularly around government and City-related challenges impacting equity and justice

APPLICATIONS

• Information on the Leading Edge Fellowship Program: https://www.acls.org/Competitions-and-Deadlines/Leading-Edge-Fellowships
• All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application System (ofa.acls.org)
• Application deadline: 9pm EDT, May 6, 2021.