

## **Viviane Barnett Fellowship for Food System Leaders: Guidelines and Application Process**

To strengthen this region's network of food system leaders, the Black Food Sovereignty Coalition, Mudbone Grown, Oregon State University's Center for Small Farms, the Multnomah County Health Department REACH program, and Ecotrust have partnered to offer the Viviane Barnett Fellowship for Food System Leaders. The Fellowship is an 18-month cohort-based fellowship program focused on leadership development at the intersection of agriculture, food systems, and climate.

The program is for aspiring, emerging, and experienced BIPOC leaders working across sectors to build equitable, climate-resilient food systems. The fellowship will support 10-15 leaders in Oregon and includes a \$4,000 stipend, quarterly training sessions, gatherings, networking, and mentorship.

### **SUPPORT OR QUESTIONS**

Contact us if you have any questions or need support with any aspects of your application: [bipocfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:bipocfellowship@gmail.com) | (503) 227-6225 x763  
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### **ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA**

- The Fellowship is open to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color
- We are seeking a well-balanced cohort diverse in gender, race/ethnicity, age, leadership experience, and location
- Fellows must reside in Oregon. Half of the spots will be reserved for folks who live in Multnomah County, east of the Willamette River
- We are seeking fellows who can commit to fully participate in all program components:
  - Full participation over the 18 months from April 2021 through September 2022
  - Spend approximately 6-8 hours a month on fellowship work
  - Monthly check-ins with peer coaching circles
  - Skill sharing / capacity building through quarterly trainings
  - Quarterly cohort gatherings or meetings
  - Launch/complete a project by the end of the fellowship to demonstrate the impact of your learning journey
  - Final celebration gathering in September 2022

### **APPLICATION FORM**

To submit your application, please fill out the online form:  
[http://bit.ly/BIPOCFoodFellowship\\_APPLY](http://bit.ly/BIPOCFoodFellowship_APPLY)

## **APPLICATION PREVIEW**

If you would like to preview the application questions, you can do so [here](#):

[http://bit.ly/BIPOCFoodFellowship\\_Application-Preview](http://bit.ly/BIPOCFoodFellowship_Application-Preview)

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All applications must be submitted by Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. PST to be considered.

## **SAVING YOUR APPLICATION**

You do not need to complete your application all at once. JotForm allows you to save a draft of your form. We recommend saving your application on the first page and often.

See below for directions to save your application:

1. Click the "SAVE" button at the bottom of the screen.
2. A screen will pop up asking you to sign up for a JotForm account. You do not need to sign up!
3. Below the sign up, click the small print text that says, "Skip Create an Account."
4. A screen will pop up telling you your form has been saved as a draft. It will give you the option to send the link to the draft form to your email. Click the "Send Link" button.
5. A link to your draft form will be emailed to you. You can use that link to work on your application at any time.

## **KEY DATES**

- February 9, 2021: Applications open
- March 2, 2021: Applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm PT for consideration
- March 16, 2021: Upon review by the fellowship selection committee, selected applicants will be notified to schedule a video interview during the week of 3/22, lasting approximately 20 minutes.
- April 2, 2021: Selected fellows are notified through their provided email and will be asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to confirm their spot.
- April 19, 2021: Program starts
- September 2022: Program culmination and final celebration