

Project:	Researching Relief: Policy & Civic Engagement
Organization:	Arts Alliance Illinois
Location:	Chicago, IL [Fellow will work remotely]
Stipend:	\$60,000 per year, plus health insurance and professional development funding
Start Date:	September or October 2020

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

Arts Alliance Illinois fights for arts resources and policies that benefit our members and all Illinois residents. As the only statewide, multidisciplinary organization concentrated on the strength of arts and culture, the Alliance takes on challenges that no single organization or artist can face alone. Our work in civic engagement, arts education, and cultural equity positively impacts every community across the state: <http://www.artsalliance.org/>.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Arts Alliance Illinois is looking for a fellow who can produce original research and mine existing sources that can guide the organization’s policy proposals as we continue our efforts to bring relief to the creative sector in Illinois. The Policy & Civic Engagement Research Fellow will be expected to not only draw from existing state, local, and national data sources and create primary research on Illinois’ creative sector, but also to work alongside our Deputy Director to craft policy and programmatic initiatives in response to the needs of our member base. The Alliance has already identified the overarching fields of research to be COVID-19 relief efforts, arts education, and overall social impact and value assessment of arts and culture. The fellowship tenure is twelve consecutive months, with an expected time commitment of approximately 37.5 hours per week.

The fellow will develop their project in collaboration with Arts Alliance staff and select 2-3 research projects that will generate either new or updated Arts Alliance advocacy and case-making assets. Potential projects include the Arts for Illinois Relief Fund impact and program evaluation; artist skill mapping to support potential workforce development policy recommendations; arts education policy recommendations that implement the arts indicator of the Illinois Every Student Succeeds Act; or the Illinois Creative Social Impact survey.

Key responsibilities & tasks:

- Conducting research and analysis to aid in the identification of opportunities and threats that impact existing initiatives and policies.
- Researching and developing new policy ideas aimed at structural policy changes.
- Developing clear and innovative methods for reporting and communication of data and research outcomes in collaboration with current communications staff

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Qualifications:

- PhD in any humanities field that draws primarily upon art historical or visual culture approaches
- Ability to distill research findings for a broad audience in non-technical terms.
- Ability to prioritize, meet deadlines, and manage multiple projects at one time.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Self-motivated, quick learner comfortable working independently in a fast-paced environment.
- A high degree of emotional intelligence, empathy, and self-awareness, and an appreciation for multiple group identities and dynamics.

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, July 31, 2020.

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