

Application Questions

Succinct Project Title*

One Sentence Project Summary * [No more than 50 words.]

What is the problem your project seeks to address? * [No more than 200 words.]

What is the PRIMARY approach you plan to take to address this problem? (We recognize that many successful projects will rely on several different approaches; this question seeks to understand what you envision as the primary, albeit not necessarily only, tactic you will emphasize.)*

- Litigation
- Direct representation
- Movement lawyering/community organizing
- Policy advocacy
- Research
- Coalition building
- Other (please state below)

Provide more details on your approach and specific strategy for addressing the problem during your one-year fellowship. If relevant, what might cause that approach to change over the course of the fellowship? (Max 600 words)

What is your Theory of Change for your project? In other words, how, specifically, will the work you propose to do lead to the change you seek to make? * (Max 200 words.) Refer to “Theory of Change” guidance on our website to best answer this question.

What are some existing models or analogues to your approach? Why do you think your approach isn’t currently being implemented/funded? (Max 200 words)

How does your project aim at broad scale (aka high volume) impact? How broad? (E.g. how many people might potentially be affected, indirectly and/or directly?) (Max 200 words) Our goal is to understand if your project has the ultimate potential to positively impact tens of people, hundreds of people, thousands of people, tens of thousands of people, millions of people, etc.

A listening tour that includes a wide range of input is vital to a successful project and to ensure that your work is not duplicative or counterproductive. These initial contacts may well turn into collaborations and partnerships during your fellowship.

- List who you have contacted (lawyers and nonlawyers) as part of developing your project idea and/or identifying possible host organizations. Include their name, title, and organization/entity.*

- List who you would LIKE to speak with (lawyers and nonlawyers) as part of continuing to develop your project idea and/or identifying possible host organizations. Include their name, title, and organization/entity.*

Do you have any specific skills, experience, or personal connection relevant to the problem or approach you have identified? (Max 200 words)

Statement of Diversity

Justice Catalyst values diversity of all kinds in our fellowship program and strongly encourages individuals of diverse backgrounds to apply. If you wish to let us know how you would contribute to the diversity of our fellowship class, you may do so here. This question is completely optional, and no negative inference will be taken if left blank. (Max 250 words)

Please provide two professional references. (Name, Title, Institution, Email, Phone Number, Relationship to Candidate)

Upload your resume (GPA not required) and your Host Commitment Letter.

Host Commitment Letter should include:

- The mission and basic information about the organization (links to relevant portions of website are sufficient);
- Formal endorsement of the project and statement that the host organization submits the project for funding, and will host and implement the project, if selected and funded;
- Proposed supervision, including the name and title of the supervisor. Please note that the supervisor is not required to be an attorney;
- Contact information (including phone number) for proposed supervisor, and logistical point of contact for Justice Catalyst, if different;
- If the fellow's project is predominately focused on representing clients, including a public agency or the people represented by that agency, a description of the organization's professional liability and malpractice insurance and a statement confirming the fellow's eligibility for coverage;
- If the host organization will be unable to offer \$70,000 starting salary plus benefits for the fellow, a brief explanation of why, and an indication of what the base salary and benefits will be;
- For nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, a copy of the 501(c)(3)* determination letter granting the organization tax-exempt status.

Please note that Justice Catalyst does not accept letters of recommendation at the application stage.

If at any point during the application process you accept another fellowship or position elsewhere, please kindly notify us immediately at fellowships@justicecatalyst.org.