

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

THE VAN EVERA BAILEY FELLOWSHIP of The Van Evera and Janet M. Bailey Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation

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Overview

The Van Evera Bailey Fellowship requests creative proposals for Fellowships advancing the professional development of mid-career architects and encouraging greater contributions to their profession and their community.

Fellowship projects may follow a variety of paths, from pure research involving reflection on professional issues and challenges, to practical research involving projects designed to have specific results. Examples of eligible activities include sabbaticals for study of innovative architectural design to be applied in Oregon; teaching engagements that promise enhancement of the applicant's and students' creativity in architectural design; collaborations of architects and planners or others toward the implementation of new projects; preparation of public education projects; or research and writing on a specific topic. Support may be requested for stipends, travel, lodging, materials, and other relevant needs. The Fellowship is intended to promote dissemination and application of ideas. Projects must include follow-up activities such as seminars, lectures, media presentations, tours, or other means to share results with the professional community and general public. At the conclusion of the award period, Bailey Fellows will be asked to produce a final document as a record of the experience.

The deadline for applications is Friday, **September 9, 2011** for projects to begin in 2012. One or two Fellowships of \$20,000 may be awarded. Awards will be announced in December 2011.

Background

The Van Evera and Janet M. Bailey Fund was established at The Oregon Community Foundation in 1982 by a generous charitable gift from the Baileys. One-half of their gift was dedicated "for the preservation and betterment of the art and science of architecture." Van Evera Bailey was a prominent Oregon architect in the mid-20th century. An innovator in design, site use, and the development and application of materials, he helped to create the "Northwest Regional Style" characterized by open floor plans and the use of natural woods and glass. The Bailey Fund is a legacy of his love for Oregon and desire for built and natural environments to work together as distinguishing features of the state.

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Eligibility for a Van Evera Bailey Fellowship

Eligibility for the Fellowships is flexible. Favorable emphasis will be given to applicants who are licensed architects with practices based in Oregon. A strong emphasis will be on mid-career professionals in architecture and directly related fields who have been in practice for at least 10 years. The intention of the Fellowship is to provide time for creativity, reflection, and a pursuit of deeper understanding of ideas that will benefit the profession and the greater community.

Applicants may apply jointly for a Van Evera Bailey Fellowship. For example, if an architect and an urban planner see potential for an innovative project that requires unusual research, they might apply jointly for stipends or support of travel and other expenses in order to examine relevant work in other communities, states, or countries; consult with professional peers and leading thinkers; formulate detailed plans; and produce articles or public education programs.

Current members of the board of AFO are not eligible to apply or to receive Fellowship funds indirectly as a partner in a proposed project.

Applying for a Van Evera Bailey Fellowship

Interested applicants must submit electronically a PDF copy of the following:

(1) A letter of up to four pages describing the proposed fellowship, clearly outlining:

- the concept for the Fellowship
- a documented need to be addressed by the Fellowship
- the work plan for the Fellowship, including a timetable. Projects should begin no earlier than 2012 and be completed within twelve months after getting underway.
- specifically how the Fellowship funds will be used
- the impact of the project on the profession and the community
- plans for dissemination of the project results
- applicant qualifications

(2) Attachments:

- the resume of the applicant(s)
- an itemized budget for the entire Fellowship. If other sources of support will be used to complement Bailey Fund support, please identify them. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The award of a Bailey Fund Fellowship is taxable income. Please plan accordingly.
- two or three letters of support from other architects or architectural organizations indicating why the proposed Fellowship is important to the professional community

Entire application should be sent in one PDF file that is no larger than 5 MB.

Optional: Applicants may include a brief portfolio of materials in PDF format that illuminates their work and its relevance to the proposed project. *Portfolio must be included with the application in one PDF file that does not exceed 5 MB.*

Process and Timetable

Applications will be reviewed by a committee including professional architects in collaboration with OCF and AFO. Applicants may be asked to submit further information or to speak with representatives of OCF and AFO to clarify their proposals. The review committee will make recommendations to the board of the Oregon Community Foundation. OCF reserves the right to approve Bailey Fellowships at its sole discretion. The Bailey Fellowship will be awarded by OCF through the Architecture Foundation of Oregon and will be announced publicly in December.

Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, September 9, 2011 and should be sent to:

kate@af-oregon.org

Please direct inquiries to Jane Jarrett, Executive Director, AFO, at 503-542-3825 or jane@af-oregon.org

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2010: No Fellowship was awarded

2009: James McGrath

The 2009 Bailey Fellowship was given to support James research into the best use of public spaces. James' studies focus on the best practices in "Complete Street" design, investigating the inside story of successful innovation in large cities in Asia, Europe and South America, and applying their practical experience in better balanced streets to Oregon's communities. His hope is not only to influence specific projects, but to further our cities' conversation about the core values we hold for our public spaces—and to keep Oregon as a leader in the field.

2008: No Fellowship was awarded

2007 Fellowship Winner: Mark Perepelitza, Portland

The 2007 Fellowship supports the study of innovative window systems for Northwest architecture. Perepelitza's project investigates how to create openness, provide weather protection, and create a comfortable interior without significant energy loss. Building on a literature review, interviews, and site visits to energy-efficient buildings in Northern Europe with climates similar to Oregon, Perepelitza will identify window configurations, analyze prototype assemblies, and share conclusions in a printed report, web site, and conference presentations.

2006 Fellowship Winner: Jean von Barga, Portland

Von Barga's interests focus on the design and implementation of major urban infrastructure projects. Her fellowship involves research and comparison of public infrastructure development and its public interface in Portland and Barcelona. The latter city's preparation for the 1992 Olympics, including public infrastructure in transportation, satellite sewer systems, and a telecommunication tower designed by Santiago Calatrava made it an international leader in re-visioning urban growth and investment. She will share her findings through on-line reports, presentations to the professional community and public agencies, and articles.

2005 Fellowship Winner: Becca Cavell, Portland

The Fellowship supports Cavell's work on a field guide—complemented by an interactive Web site—to the important residential work of a group of architects working in Oregon during the mid-20th century, including Pietro Belluschi, John Yeon, Walter Gordon, John Storrs, and Van Evera Bailey himself. Her work will document the architecture and if possible record the original landscape designs for the homes. When complete, it will help interested people conduct self-guided tours, as well as serve academic inquiry.

2005 Fellowship Winner: Paul McKean, Portland

McKean's project is taking him to several countries to study pre-fab construction systems, sustainable technologies, and the feasibility of using them to provide higher quality low-income housing. Based on his research, he plans to prepare a feasibility report for Habitat for Humanity and hopes to present findings at the AIA design conference in 2006. He is aiming toward inclusion in the report of a conceptual design for a Habitat prototype unit.

2004 Fellowship Winner: Richard Browning, Portland

The Bailey Fellowship supported Browning's investigation into Japanese urban streetscape design, focusing on the pedestrian zone from the curb up to and including the building façade. As Portland and other cities reshape the ways that pedestrians and vehicles flow and commercial and public spaces interact, the "shared streetscapes" of the Japanese *noren-gai*, or shop district, may offer a vital contribution to Northwest urban design. The research will be distilled into an illustrated monograph.

2003 Fellowship Winner: Bonnie Bayard, Medford

Bayard's interest is in design of buildings and landscapes to anticipate the pressure on water supplies caused by the Northwest's increasing population and climate changes. The Fellowship allowed her to investigate agricultural, natural systems, and landscape models, and to apply her research through test sites for conservation-based residential landscape design, working with organizational partners such as the Oregon State University Master Gardeners and the OSU Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center.

2002 Fellowship Winner: Suzanne Zuniga, Portland

The Bailey Fellowship supported Zuniga's research and writing of a master residential "green" building specification. Zuniga's project provided specifications, cost data, and local suppliers for alternative systems and materials that are considered to be more sustainable than those commonly used. It promotes the growing "green" architecture movement in the Northwest, allowing architects more readily to implement sustainable residential building practices. The results were intended to be disseminated in both print and electronic (Web site) formats, and updated annually.

2001 Fellowship Winner: John Cava, Portland

The inaugural Bailey Fellowship supported Cava's research and writing of a monograph on the houses and gardens of noted Portland architect John Yeon. The project is intended to produce the first book focused on Yeon, well known for his role in defining the "Northwest Regional Style," exemplified in the widely recognized Watzek House located on Skyline Drive in Portland. The book is to include drawings, photographs, theoretical essays, and analyses of the architecture of Yeon's houses.