

Spatial Futures Fellows Informational Session



Agenda:

- Opening and Welcome (5 minutes)
- Overview of the Reparative Spatial Justice Project (10 min)
- Overview of the Fellowship Program (10 min)
 - Resources
 - Expectations
- Application Portal (5 min)
- Questions and Clarifications (20 minutes)
- Closing Remarks (5 minutes)



Overview: Spatial Futures Initiative

“The origins of property rights in the United States are rooted in racial domination.”

- Cheryl Harris

- Housing and land exclusion are racialized in nature, sewn into the very fabric of our institutions, policies, and value systems.
- In order to transform this reality, we need to address historical and persistent spatial injustices.
- A **reparative spatial justice** approach aims to reckon with and repair historical wrongs, recognize and rectify systemic racism, and restructure space to serve all communities equitably:
 - Expose the entrenched racial inequities in this country’s existing land use and housing policies
 - Generate recommendations and resources to support systemic change
 - Lead research and maintain a comprehensive list of policies and projects for spatial justice

What would our futures look like if space were oriented toward justice??



Fellowship Program: Goals

- Provide support and resources to marginalized communities in their efforts to reclaim and repair land that has been stolen, polluted, or otherwise damaged by systems of oppression.
- Build capacity within marginalized communities to advocate for and implement spatial reparations initiatives.
- Support the development of partnerships between marginalized communities and other organizations that can provide expertise, resources, and other forms of support for spatial reparations projects.
- Create spaces for dialogue and learning about the history and ongoing impacts of spatial injustice, and the ways in which spatial reparations can be used to address these issues.
- Contribute to the development of a body of knowledge and practice around spatial reparations, and to share this knowledge with other communities and organizations working towards social justice.



Fellows Program: Learning Arc

Timing	Jan 2024-March 2024	April-June 2024	July-Sept 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Dec 2024-Jan 2025
Quarter Theme	<i>Building the Foundation</i>	<i>Mobilizing Resources and Power</i>	<i>Centering Community Voice and Action</i>	<i>Integration and Advancement</i>	<i>Reflection, Evaluation, & Celebration</i>

Resources

- \$18,000 stipend to support fellow and help advance a reparative spatial justice project, initiative, policy, or campaign
 - Payment details to be determined by the time applicants are notified of decision
 - Can be paid to individual or organization
 - Eligibility: Must have SSN and be located in the U.S.
- Coaching and mentorship from expert advisors
- Learning community of peers working toward reparative justice in land and housing

Expectations

- 5 hours per month
 - 2.5 hour monthly cohort meeting (tentatively) on the third Wednesday of each month at 8am/11/1pm/2pm HST/PST/CST/EST
 - 1 hour monthly mentorship meeting
 - Up to 1.5 hours of preparation (minimal shared readings, peer presentations etc)
- In-person convening in June 2024
- Project tracking: Reporting on project progress



Application



Spatial Futures Fellowship Application

The Spatial Futures Fellowship (SFF) will support and champion housing and land justice leaders in integrating spatial justice and reparative justice frameworks into their housing and land work, and the broader ecosystems they influence. SFF will serve as an incubator for housing and land justice leaders dedicated to infusing a "Reckoning, Repair, and Transformation" approach into their work and the broader ecosystems they influence. This methodology foregrounds the advancement of reparative justice policies, regulations, and standards that recognize and rectify environmental and spatialized racism and its harmful impacts on Black, Brown and Indigenous communities. Fellows will meet monthly online in 2024 to connect and participate in shared learning sessions, group discussions, and professional development opportunities that will advance their work, with one in-person convening planned in June 2024.

Submit your application by November 9th, 2023!



What does spatial justice in land and housing mean to you?
What is your vision for just spatial futures for your community?

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One paragraph maximum, please

How does your work seek to reckon with, repair, and transform the impacts of spatial inequities and injustices in your community through housing and land justice? *

Two paragraphs maximum, please

What is a project, campaign, or policy you are currently working or that you would like to work on that this fellowship can help support? (e.g. research, community engagement, policy advocacy, communications and narrative strategy) *

Two paragraphs maximum, please

This fellowship aims to foster learning relationships and translocal solidarity among our cohort. What perspectives are you most excited to share with our cohort? What do you hope to learn from other members? *

Next Steps:

- **Now:** Complete our post-webinar survey.
- **Nov 9:** Apply for to be a Spatial Futures Fellow.
- **Dec 5:** Applicants notified of decisions.
- **Jan 17:** Cohort Orientation



Questions?