THE NEXT LEAP: SUPPORTING GREAT IDEAS

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

• Ashoka Fellows
  An international nonprofit program that supports social entrepreneurs internationally to focus their talents on serving the public good by creating projects with a broad social impact on issues such as health, environment, education, legal rights, women, children, and development.
  [https://www.ashoka.org/fellows](https://www.ashoka.org/fellows)

• Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs
  The Coro Fellowship uses the city as a classroom to train the next generation of change makers.
  [http://www.coro.org/The-Coro-Fellowship](http://www.coro.org/The-Coro-Fellowship)

• Echoing Green Fellowships
  Provides seed-stage funding and support to emerging leaders working to bring about positive social change.
  [http://www.echoinggreen.org/fellowship](http://www.echoinggreen.org/fellowship)

CROWDFUNDING & MICROFUNDING

• Indiegogo: [http://www.indiegogo.com/](http://www.indiegogo.com/)
• Kickstarter: [http://www.kickstarter.com/](http://www.kickstarter.com/)
• Rockethub: [http://www.rockethub.com/](http://www.rockethub.com/)
• Hatchfund: [http://www.hatchfund.org/](http://www.hatchfund.org/)
• Microryza: [http://www.microryza.com](http://www.microryza.com)
• Awesome Foundation: [http://www.awesomefoundation.org/](http://www.awesomefoundation.org/)

GENERAL RESOURCES

• Council on Foundations Community Foundation Locator (Community foundations are grantmaking public charities that are dedicated to improving the lives of people in a defined local geographic area.)

• Foundation Center (Database of funders): [http://foundationcenter.org/](http://foundationcenter.org/)

• Philanthropy News Digest (calls for applications listed here): [http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps](http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps)

NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Policy and Planning

• Center for Urban Pedagogy: Making Policy Public (Funding for making policy accessible to non-experts)
  [http://welcometocup.org/Projects/MakingPolicyPublic](http://welcometocup.org/Projects/MakingPolicyPublic)

• Future City (City planning competition for middle school students): [http://futurecity.org/](http://futurecity.org/)
• Knight (Foundation) Cities Challenge: http://knightcities.org/

Creative Placemaking

• ArtPlace America: http://www.artplaceamerica.org/

• National Endowment for the Arts: Our Town: http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/introduction


Public art

• Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge http://www.bloomberg.org/program/arts/#public-art-challenge

• Art Production Fund (commissions and produces ambitious public art projects reaching new audiences) http://www.artproductionfund.org/about

Poverty reduction

• Cities Alliance Catalytic Fund (poverty reduction in cities) http://www.citiesalliance.org/catalytic-fund

Social innovation

• Corporation for National and Community Service Social Innovation Fund http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/social-innovation-fund

Mindfulness

• Mindfulness Connections Grants: http://mindfulnessconnections.org/grants/

Environmental Education

• Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Education Grants http://www2.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants

Innovation in Libraries

• Institute of Museum and Library Services Sparks! Ignition Grants http://www.imls.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=19

Social Venture Capital & Venture Philanthropy

• Underdog Ventures & Underdog Foundation http://www2.underdogventures.com/

• Venture Philanthropy Partners http://www.vppartners.org/
TOP 10 TIPS FOR “THE NEXT LEAP”

1. Maintain the connections you’ve developed at Pulse.

2. Keep building on and refining the ideas that came to interest you at this summit.

3. Apply for the a2ru Emerging Creatives 2015 Challenge Grant!

4. Look out for community engagement and research grants for students at your university.

5. Post your project on a crowdfunding site, but recognize that these sites are becoming increasingly competitive. You’ll quite literally need to stand out from the crowd!

6. Find fellowships and leadership programs that can support your development as an individual disruptor, activist, motivator, entrepreneur, and/or instigator. Invest in you, so you can more effectively contribute to projects and teams that inspire you.

7. Start local when looking for grants and other types of contributions. Identify funding opportunities in your local area from community foundations, local government, private foundations, companies, etc.

8. Consider starting a new social venture, commercial business, or non-profit organization if and when you’re ready. There’s lots of advice and support out there for the entrepreneurially minded these days; seek it out.

9. Be ambitious. And, when you have some early, breakout success, don’t be afraid to go for those “nationally competitive opportunities.” It is precisely people like you who receive these grants and awards every day for their amazing projects and ideas.

10. Don’t forget that individuals and communities—ordinary citizens, you and me—are the most important, significant, and sustainable supporters of organizations and projects.