

## Fellowship for Equitable Development

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Join the 2026 Cohort: September 14, 2026 - May 14, 2027

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Deadline - Friday, May 8, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Do you know a graduate or PhD-level student with a passion for economic justice and community development? Would they be interested in a paid fellowship opportunity for the 2026-2027 school year?

If you answered yes, please consider sharing our Fellowship For Equitable Development with them so they may apply to be an NCRC fellow for a placement with Housing Oregon and a coalition working on the Latino Prosperity and Wealth Building Initiative!

The National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) Fellowship cultivates the next generation of community development leaders and empowers them to tackle the issues of tomorrow. The community development sector will face significant challenges in the coming decades from climate change, widening wealth gaps, food insecurities, extreme housing shortages and other needs. These challenges will disproportionately impact low-wealth communities and communities of color. Therefore, it is NCRC's intention and pledge to uphold the values of community empowerment in the fellowship program.

Program Benefits for Student Fellows Include:

- High-quality training and support from regional leaders in the nonprofit, government, planning and community development fields
- A \$20,000 stipend for the eight-month, part-time (20-hours per week) fellowship
- The opportunity to meet with leaders in the nonprofit, government, planning and community development fields
- Academic credit, in accordance with the policies of the Fellows' respective universities
- Complimentary admission to the NCRC annual Just Economy Conference

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## Project Description

The Fellow will expand research on Latino wealth-building in Oregon, focusing on small business development to better understand barriers and inform investment strategies that support Latino-owned businesses and access to homeownership.

Latinos account for 43.7% of Oregon's population growth in the past decade; Latino businesses represent less than 10% of all businesses in the state, despite Latinos making up a larger share of the workforce. The Fellow will expand research on Latino wealth-building in Oregon, adding onto prior work related to homeownership opportunities to include small business development.

The goal is to develop a more complete, actionable understanding of the barriers and opportunities facing Latino businesses in order to inform investment strategies in local businesses, especially with Columbia Bank in regards to their \$8B CBA.

## More Information

What is the Fellowship? - Watch a YouTube video

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QUESTIONS regarding this opportunity should be emailed to [impact@ncrc.org](mailto:impact@ncrc.org) and [brian@housingoregon.org](mailto:brian@housingoregon.org), with the subject line "Fellowship for Equitable Development."