

We Are Each Other's Fund

Alumni Racial Equity & Interfaith Cooperation Awards

Request for Proposals

we are each other's harvest: we are each other's business: we are each other's magnitude and bond.

-Gwendolyn Brooks, 1984

Overview

In response to and support of the movement for racial justice within the United States, IFYC has committed to support engagement with and exploration of the intersection of racial equity and interfaith cooperation. IFYC believes in the essential contributions of countless religious and philosophical traditions that affirm dignity and justice for every human being. We recognize and celebrate that mobilizations of movements for a better world—including the anti-Apartheid movement, India's Home Rule movement, and the Civil Rights movement—have been fueled by interfaith cooperation. While this is a time of pain and protest, it is also a time of hope and action. The demonstrations on the streets and the long years of organizing have inspired wider spheres across social sectors, including organizations like ours, to take action to combat racism. IFYC affirms and will work to support racial equity and the truth that Black Lives Matter. We will utilize our interfaith leadership and explore its intersection with racial equity as we strive to contribute to the transformation of America into the promise of what it can be but has not yet been.

As part of our commitment to expand work that engages the intersection of racial equity and interfaith cooperation, we are offering \$1,000 awards to faculty, staff, and IFYC alum who are working and learning in this area. Through these awards we hope to promote community activities and conversations around racial justice; support political engagement and voter registration drives; advance college and university curricula exploring the role of religion and interfaith leadership in racial equity movements; and elevate the voices of Black leaders and the role of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

IFYC is pleased to offer three different types of awards to faculty, staff, and IFYC alum to advance the engagement of racial justice and interfaith cooperation. Out of a commitment to amplify Black voices and support Black educators, a certain number of awards are exclusively available to Black applicants within each of the separate award pools. Please read on for details about each awards.

Alumni Awards

Alumni awards are intended to support projects designed by IFYC alum that engage the intersection of interfaith cooperation and racial equity or racial justice. These awards are available to alumni for either the creation of a new project or taking leadership in a currently existing project. Seeking to learn from these awardees, IFYC encourages innovative approaches to this vast and multi-faceted work. We expect that the funded project will be completed by June 2021.

Application Requirements: All applicants must complete an [online application](#) which asks for the following information:

- A description of your racial equity and interfaith cooperation project idea and why it is important
- Whether you have led similar initiatives before
- Possible hurdles you may encounter in the project
- What success will look like
- A project timeline

Use of Award Funds: The funds are intended to support both the implementation of the initiative (supplies, stipends, equipment etc.) as well as self-compensation for the time and energy a Awardee gives to a project (up to \$500 of the award).

Eligibility: Individuals must be an alum of IFYC programs to apply. If you need to verify that you are an IFYC Alumni, please contact Brian Anderson at brian@ifyc.org.

Reporting: IFYC will check-in with Awardees on their projects mid-year. Awardees will be asked to submit a final report on their project in June 2021.

Application Deadline and Funding Timeline

Applications for are **due Thursday February 25th 2021**. Awardees will be notified of their award the week of March 8th, 2021. Interfaith Cooperation & Racial Equity award funds will go to support Awardees from October 1st, 2020 – June 30th, 2021.

To apply to one of these awards, please complete this [online application](#).

Awardee Support

IFYC will offer multiple channels of support throughout the award period. First, during the fall and spring semesters, IFYC will host optional check-in meetings for Awardees to share the successes and challenges of their projects. While not required, these calls create a great space to share promising practices on content creation, implementation, and assessment. Second, Awardees are invited to join our [Advancing Interfaith Cooperation in Higher Education](#) and/or [IFYC Alumni](#) Facebook Groups where resources and other updates are provided by IFYC as well as posts from our network of interfaith leaders. Finally, IFYC staff are available on an ongoing basis for consultation and support.

Questions

IFYC staff members are available for consultation and feedback during the development of your application. Please contact Brian Anderson at brian@ifyc.org with any questions pertaining to your award submission.