

We Are Each Other's Fund

Alumni Starter 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 Description

We Are Each Other's is a campaign developed by IFYC to activate and support interfaith leaders responding to the current national crises. As part of this commitment, IFYC is offering awards of up to \$500 and mentoring to bring the interfaith leadership skills that are explored in the *We Are Each Other's* platform out into the world. Recent college graduates across America can use these awards to carry out projects focused on interfaith cooperation and relationship building across lines of difference. Through these funds we hope to leverage the skills of interfaith leadership to meet a variety of critical national needs.

We Are Each Other's Track Descriptions

All tracks are hosted on the LRNG platform in the format of playlists, which includes a series of activities that can be engaged individually or as an overall track. Participants who go through entire playlists will be awarded a badge backed by IFYC and LRNG.

We Are Each Other's: Getting Started

This simple curriculum offers any participant an easy way to engage in interfaith reflection and action relevant to our current national context. Ideal for participants new to interfaith work or online learning, this track offers introductory interfaith learning and a straightforward call to action to engage in concrete acts of service.

We Are Each Other's: Interfaith Leadership 101

This curriculum includes a comprehensive introductory overview of interfaith leadership. Topics will include the vision, knowledgebase, and skillsets of interfaith leadership alongside personal reflection opportunities. The curriculum will consist of videos, readings, and interactive assignments designed for customizable use in a variety of educational settings.

We Are Each Other's: Interfaith Cooperation & Civil Rights

This track will explore the connections between interfaith cooperation and the historic movement for civil rights in the U.S. context. Alongside interactive assignments, this curriculum will include a video featuring Eboo Patel and IFYC alumna and Faith Matters Network Founder and President Jennifer Bailey discussing the intersection of interfaith cooperation and racial equity.

Eligibility Requirements

Recent graduates who have completed at least one of the *We are Each Other's* Modules are eligible to apply for the Alumni Starter Award.

Eligible Projects Include:

- Organize a service project where people of various worldviews volunteer together to contribute to the needs in your community.
- Host a "virtual" dinner with friends to discuss shared values.
- Coordinate an interfaith workshop at your graduate school or workplace to explore the connection between your area of study and the importance of interfaith cooperation.
- And more . . . If you have an idea for an interfaith project beyond the categories listed above, we invite you to be creative! At IFYC, we love innovative approaches to promoting pluralism!

Awardees are eligible for:

- One-on-one coaching with IFYC Staff
- Additional support through webinars to help you make the most impact with your award such as budgeting, project planning, and building partnerships
- Mentoring from experienced interfaith leaders in a variety of fields who are a part of IFYC's Alumni network

Application & Timeline

Applications are open and reviewed on a rolling basis. Applicants are required to submit an online application which includes a project description, and budget breakdown. Awarded activities must be completed by June 2021. The application can be found [here](#).

Reporting and Communication Process

Recipients will be asked to complete a brief end of year report that provides information about the outcomes of the project as well as the awardee's leadership development through the project.

Questions

Please note that IFYC staff members are available, if you would like, to serve as a thought partner. We are here to support you! Please contact Brian Anderson, brian@ifyc.org, with any questions pertaining to your submission.