

# Activist in Residence

Launch your own social justice project with the assistance of the Quixote Center!

Date: August 2018

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Activist in Residence (AIR) program, a new initiative of the Quixote Center. With a long history as a social justice program incubator, the Quixote Center has created the AIR program in honor of our co-founder, Bill Callahan, to identify individuals committed to working for justice and to support them in developing their own projects. During the residency period, the AIR Program participant will:

- I. Learn the inner workings of a social justice nonprofit;
- II. Gain experience in project management, development, and fundraising; and
- III. Create and implement a personal project that addresses an area of social injustice and contributes to structural change.

Please read the entire program packet before applying. The following documents are included in this packet:

- Program Overview
- **❖** AIR Application Form
- **❖** Budget Template

Thank you again for applying. We look forward to reading about your plans to change the world!

Sincerely,

**QC** Staff



#### **Activist in Residence (AIR) Program**

**Program Overview**: The Activist in Residence (AIR) Program will provide support to a creative, committed individual who wishes to develop and implement an innovative social justice project. A wide range of project types will be considered, and projects can address any type of injustice.

**Program Duration**: The program will begin in January 2019 and continue for 9 months.

**Program Activities**: The AIR participant will manage a personal project and will also be involved in the day-to-day operations of the Quixote Center and its programs. The AIR participant will be expected to spend two days a week in the Quixote Center office, and will receive mentoring and support from the staff.

Who should apply? The successful applicant will meet all of the following criteria:

- You are passionate about social justice issues;
- You have at least one year of experience with a community service organization, social justice program, or similar activity (volunteer work is acceptable) or you have earned a Bachelor's degree in any field.
- You are able to commit to a 9-month residency period, during which you will spend two days a week in our office in College Park, MD.
- You have an idea for a project that you want to put into action.

The AIR program is meant for individuals starting out in the social justice field. If you have already formed a 501(c)(3) organization, please do not apply.

**Compensation**: The AIR participant will receive a monthly stipend of \$1,000 and a project budget up to \$3,000.

#### How to Apply:

Applications are due September 30, 2018. Send your completed application by email to Mfon Edet (mfon@quixote.org), AIR Program Coordinator. A completed application must contain:

- AIR Program Application Form (Cover Letter)
- Current Resume
- Project Proposal
- Project Budget

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants will be informed by November 12, 2018 if they have been selected.

### **Activist in Residence (AIR) Program Application**

Full Name	
Address (Street, City, State, Zip)	
Primary Email	Primary Phone
P. I. W. I.	

Project Title

## **AIR Project Proposal**

Submit a proposal of 3-5 pages in which you describe the project you wish to do. At a minimum, address the following topics:

- A. Need for the project: What is the situation that creates the need for your project? What social justice issue(s) will be addressed?
- B. Methods and strategies: What will you do? Where will you do it? Who will be involved? Who will be affected?
- C. Goal or desired outcome: What will be different because of your work? How will you be able to measure the success of your project?

## **AIR Project Budget**

(Project Name)			
Expense Budget			
	Item	Cost	
If needed, use the additional space to clarify any items listed in the budget:			