



## SVP Seattle Brainerd Fellowship Announcement

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Social Venture Partners (SVP) is a network of people who want to leave their mark on the world and take their giving to a new level.

The SVP model is built around:

- **Engaged Philanthropy** - Opportunities for SVP Partners to connect with each other and to make hands-on contributions to the community by volunteering strategically with the local SVP and the nonprofits we fund.
- **Capacity Building** – SVP grantees receive multi-year, general operating support and pro bono consulting to strengthen their organizational capacity.
- **Facilitating Collective Action** - Providing funding and volunteer support to help align and propel collaborative solutions to our community's most entrenched problems, and acting as conveners and connectors in the education and environmental arenas.

Our 440 members (referred to as "Partners") each contribute \$6,000 per household annually to fund local children's, education and environment nonprofit organizations and support our philanthropy development mission. We aim to inspire and educate individuals to give more, give strategically and engage in their communities. For more information, visit [www.svpseattle.org](http://www.svpseattle.org).

### **Why a Fellowship?**

To ensure a strong, healthy network of people, SVP continually strives to increase the diversity of backgrounds, perspectives, and cultures represented in the organization. In this spirit, SVP invites interested individuals in King County to apply for a two-year "Brainerd Fellowship." We wish to attract people that couldn't otherwise make the required financial commitment and who will add value to and find personal reward from SVP's work. Past fellows have added a great deal to the work of SVP, particularly serving on grant committees where they brought perspective and insight that would otherwise have been lacking.

This two-year Fellowship is intended to widen and strengthen the circle of partners involved in SVP. This fellowship is named in honor of SVP's co-founder, Paul Brainerd, and reflects his spirit and ethos. The fellowships are funded by current Partners, and cover the annual Partner contribution.

### **Why Would I Want to Be a Fellow?**

Fellows participate in as many SVP activities as they wish. We estimate the time commitment to be 4 to 8 hours a month (some more than others), depending on the interests of the Fellow. Opportunities include the following:

#### **Serving on a grant committee**

This is a six-month process with a group of 12-14 Partners. Committees this year will make grants in the areas of K-12 Education and the Environment. Committee members gain an understanding about the nonprofit sector, insight into issue areas, the local nonprofit landscape, how to evaluate grant proposals and nonprofits, and how to make group funding decisions.

### ❑ **Serving on an internal working group**

SVP relies on volunteer working groups to help get our work done. These working groups include Partner Recruiting and Diversity & Cultural Competency. Fellows are invited to participate in any of these groups. Fellows will also be invited to attend a Board meeting if they wish.

### ❑ **Volunteer Consulting**

SVP annually provides over 2500 hours of volunteer consulting hours to our investees (grantees) in the following areas:

- Strategy and planning
- Management consulting
- Human resources
- Information technology
- Financial management
- Legal counsel
- Marketing, PR, communications
- Leadership development
- Mentoring and tutoring

Fellows are invited to participate in consulting projects of interest.

### ❑ **Workshops and Seminars**

Fellows are welcome to attend any of the 20 plus workshops and seminars SVP offers each year that address the following topics:

- Financial planning and giving vehicles
- Community issues
- Grantmaking
- Volunteering
- Diversity and Cultural Competency
- Values, motivations and integration in philanthropy
- Nonprofit sector

### **How Do I Apply?**

SVP will award two Fellowships. We encourage people of all backgrounds who meet the following criteria to apply:

- You have an historical or emerging desire to make a significant contribution to your community. You see yourself continuing and growing that commitment in the years ahead.
- You are someone who will add diverse perspectives and experiences to the partnership.
- You would not otherwise have the financial means to make the annual \$6,000 contribution and participate in SVP.
- You have at least 3 years professional experience working in the nonprofit sector.

To apply, please submit a resume and answers to the following questions. Please limit your responses to the questions to two pages.

1. Why do you want to be a part of SVP? What do you hope to learn from the experience?
2. What will you bring to SVP? What will other partners learn from you?
3. What volunteer, community and civic engagement experience have you had? What have you learned from it?

**The deadline for application is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, August 22, 2012.** If you are a finalist, you will likely be asked for references as well. An internal committee will review all applications, interview finalists, and notify the two Fellows of their acceptance by the end of September 2012. Fellows will be asked to submit a final (two page) report on their experience and recommendations at the end of their two-year fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Sofia Michelakis [sofiam@svpseattle.org](mailto:sofiam@svpseattle.org) or 206.374.8757 x22.

Email applications to [info@svpseattle.org](mailto:info@svpseattle.org) or mail to SVP Seattle, 1601 Second Avenue, Suite 615, Seattle, WA 98101.

Thank you!