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Fellowships 2027-2028

Imagining A Future Worth Building

"The Fellowship gave me time to do the work and the credibility, network and visibility to make sure it lasts. I couldn't have taken Surveillance Watch this far without it." - Esra'a Al Shafei, Surveillance Watch (Senior Fellow, 2024-2026)

About Mozilla Foundation Fellowships

Up to $125,000, 12 months, and a global network of over 200 Fellows who have done this before you.

Mozilla Foundation will award 10 Fellowships for the 2027-2028 period. We are looking for extraordinary individuals working at the edges of human imagination, on technology that's too early, too unexpected or too ambitious for anyone else to fund. Our Fellows are **builders first**, of tools and of the fields around them. But they are also defiant about who technology should serve, and rigorous about making it a reality.

If that sounds like you, come build with us. Bring the wildest, most radical version of your idea: the one that questions who gets to decide and puts control back in the hands of the people who use it. Optimizing the status quo is somebody else's job. Ours is to build the alternatives.

You won't do your work alone. You'll spend the year with an international cohort that shares your appetite, and a team at Mozilla Foundation dedicated to your success. By the end of it you'll have something people can use, and you'll be the person the field turns to: the builder a policymaker calls when they want a real alternative to extractive defaults, and the example the next generation of technologists measures themselves against.

We expect Fellowships to begin in June 2027. This is a remote opportunity for individuals only, with key all-expenses-paid moments for travel. While we do not expect you to devote all your time to the Fellowship, you must be able to complete your project and meet expectations set out below. Letters of Intent close December 17, 2026.

Where our Fellows end up

Nearly 30% of Mozilla Foundation Fellows have founded an organization, while 20% run one today. Our current cohort includes:

- **Arghya Bhattacharya** co-founded Adalat AI, a privacy-first AI system for India's courts. In 2026 it joined Y Combinator, the first nonprofit YC had backed in nearly five years.
- **Mathys Rennela's** open-source quantum tooling now sits inside the European Commission's conversation about open, sovereign quantum.

- **Rudy Fraser** is adding permissioned posts to the AT Protocol so that communities can run online spaces they govern themselves.
- **Violeta Ayala** is building *Paqarina* so that Indigenous communities in Bolivia can own and license the movement data that embodied AI learns from.

Meet the 2026 Fellows

What we're funding this year

This cohort is about reimagining emerging technology: fields that already exist but whose rules aren't set yet. We're interested in eight areas. The examples under each area are prompts to get your gears turning, rather than prescriptions. They span two kinds of work: the technologies that move us forward, and the safeguards that keep us human.

1. **Neurotech, biotech, and physical AI**
2. **Hard infrastructure: compute, energy, quantum and the extremes**
3. **Raising p(bloom)**
4. **Business models for a post-agentic web**
5. **Shared security and audit infrastructure for small organizations**
6. **Sovereign AI, public infrastructure and maintenance**
7. **Creative Advocacy (one Fellow)**
8. **Wildcards**

Whichever one you apply under, we'll judge the work overall against the three questions Mozilla Foundation asks of every bet it makes. **Agency:** does it put people in control? **Commons:** does it cultivate open infrastructure? **Economic conditions:** can it change how markets work? The answer can sit anywhere in the stack, from a protocol anyone can implement to an app people choose because it treats them well. We'd rather fund bridges than moats, and we're least interested in work whose value depends on keeping everyone else out.

1. Neurotech, biotech, and physical AI

Technology is leaving the screen. It reads brain activity and edits living systems. It moves through the world in robotic bodies. The more intimate tech gets, the sharper the questions: who owns neural and biological data, and who decides what gets engineered? Who gets a say when a robot turns up at work or in a care home? We're looking for brain-computer interfaces built with their users, community-governed open biotech, physical AI in care, work and public space, and biological and environmental sensing that lets communities monitor their own land, water, air, and biodiversity.

- Brain-computer interfaces that process raw neural signals on the device, so nothing leaves the person.
- A data format that carries a community's terms with its neural, biometric or movement data wherever it goes.
- A robot a community can repair, retrain and trust: open hardware and open models for physical AI, with datasets communities can contribute to and withdraw from.

- Open biosensors calibrated well enough that a regulator or a court will accept the readings.

2. Hard infrastructure: compute, energy, quantum and the extremes

Some of the most consequential infrastructure of the next decade is being built furthest from community reach: in orbit, on the seabed, in soil sensors and farm data, in the power and water AI demands, and in quantum machines that could break the encryption journalists rely on. Most of it is closed, and the communities closest to it rarely get the data or a vote. We'd back post-quantum protections for civil society, open quantum tooling, a community say in data-center siting, open satellite data and ground stations, sensing that communities run themselves, cooling for hotter cities, and rules for off-world technology written before the first launch.

- Compute that small builders can own: open chip designs and local inference hardware that don't depend on one vendor's roadmap.
- Orbit without a landlord: vendor-neutral terminals and an open ground segment, plus a public record of what's up there and who it answers to.
- Measuring a data center's water and energy use from the outside, well enough to hold up in a siting fight.
- Hybrid post-quantum encryption in the tools activists already use, with key management a three-person organization can run.

3. Raising p(bloom)

We think p(doom), the odds that it all goes wrong, misses the point and is being used to justify safety monopolies. We'd rather fund people working on p(bloom): the odds that AI makes life better, freer and richer for far more people than it does today. p(bloom) has been used elsewhere to argue that whatever comes after humans matters more than humans. But we mean people, especially the communities told to wait their turn. There are two kinds of work that raise that number. The first builds the upside: resource-conscious, tailored AI that meets people where they live and leaves communities in control, in the spirit of our Human-Scale AI Incubator cohort. The second takes apart the gatekeeping that travels under the name of safety: licensing that only incumbents can clear, closed weights justified by unverified risk claims, or evaluations that lack independence. We want more serious safety research, done in the open. But what we're wary of is safety that doubles as a monopoly.

- Communities independently verifying a lab's safety claims, affordably and repeatably, when the eval data is private and the model changes without notice.
- Seeing who a rule locks out: where compute thresholds and licensing tiers draw the line, and who ultimately benefits.
- Whose safety applies to whom: models refuse different things in different languages, and we need a way to separate calibration from bias.

4. Business models for a post-agentic web

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For 25 years the open web offered a trade: attention for free information. Agents, paywalls and age-verification walls are breaking that deal, and whatever replaces it will decide who gets paid on the next internet. We want working alternatives: payment and licensing rails for the content agents consume, consent-based markets for training data, cooperative ownership, open protocols for agents to transact without one platform in the middle, and new ways to pay for public-interest media and open source once the ads are gone.

- Terms and payment for agent access with no clearinghouse in the middle, that sites can adopt.
- Attribution that holds up: which sources an agent's answer drew on, precisely enough to pay the people behind them.
- Honoring a withdrawal of consent from a model already trained on the data, at a cost someone could afford.

5. Shared security and audit infrastructure for small organizations

Security is a major bottleneck in new tech development. A startup with a working product needs a penetration test and a security review, plus someone on call before a major customer will sign, and can afford none of them. A six-person clinic or a tenants' union has no way to know whether the software it just connected to its inbox can be turned against it. Large companies hire red teams, while small ones get a vendor's PDF or go without. We'd back community-run security infrastructure for startups, small businesses, nonprofits and co-ops: shared pen-testing, pooled incident response, open tooling that replaces the compliance paperwork that costs more than the team, and local security clinics that work more like a library than a consultancy. The same goes for audit. We've been lucky enough to back a lot of AI auditing over the years; what we'd like now are tools that let a small organization check any technology it depends on, from the agent in its inbox to the sensor on the wall, as actually deployed.

- Security a growing startup can afford: shared pen-testing and pooled incident response, and a credible alternative to the compliance reports that cost more than the team.
- A test kit a nonprofit can run in an afternoon on the agent connected to its inbox.
- Catching silent changes in a system you don't control, from a model behind an API to a vendor's firmware update, cheaply enough to check every day.

6. Sovereign AI, public infrastructure and maintenance

Communities shouldn't have to rent their intelligence from a distant cloud. This covers AI and infrastructure people can own, run and govern: on-device and federated learning, community-owned language and cultural datasets, tools that map and reduce dependency on a handful of providers, and open ways for governments, utilities and public sector agencies to reach people without a private platform in between. It also covers the neglected middle and end of a technology's life: the maintainer of a library half the internet depends on, or what happens to a community's data and devices when the company behind them disappears. If you have an imaginative answer to a boring problem, this is the place for it.

- Federated learning on the devices people actually have: intermittent, low-end, wildly different, with privacy guarantees a community can understand.
- A map of which libraries and cloud services a region's public services depend on, and which are one unpaid maintainer away from failing.
- Devices and data that outlive the company that made them: firmware, keys and documentation released the day the lights go out.

7. Creative Advocacy (one Fellow)

One of the five Independent Fellowships will be awarded to a builder-native creative advocate and campaigner: a Trickster-in-Residence with a record of making people pay attention, who can turn a stunt into a campaign. Culture jamming, satirical products and fake launches, art interventions, participatory stunts, speculative objects that make an argument you can hold in your hand. The brief is to shake things up and ask in public whose imagination gets built. You'll have a year, a budget, Mozilla Foundation's name to borrow and a cohort of builders to conspire with. For inspiration, see our wildposting campaign.

8. Wildcards

If your work doesn't fit any of these, apply anyway. Some of our best Fellows arrived with an idea we hadn't thought to ask for. If nobody else will fund it yet, that's usually a good sign. Come build with us.

Fellowship tracks

The Fellowship has two tracks for builders at different stages of their careers. Both share the same commitment: developing Fellows into the kind of technology leaders a better technology future needs. Independent Fellows choose an area from the eight listed above. Embedded Fellows choose a host organization. Each host's problem brief will sit inside one of these areas too.

Track I: Embedded Fellows

Embedded Fellows tackle specific community challenges identified by host organizations, bringing technical expertise to issues these organizations have prioritized. You'll design a project to address an issue identified by the host organization - whether building privacy tools for human rights defenders, developing accessible technology training for community organizers, or creating data governance systems for advocacy groups. Your host provides mentorship, collaboration, and community connections to advance your work. This partnership creates mutual value: you gain real-world experience translating technical skills into community impact while your host organization benefits from your expertise to move their mission forward.

Applicants to the Embedded Fellows Track are invited to submit a suggested project that responds to one of the issue areas outlined below. Your application should describe how your

project would address the Host Organization's identified challenge. Successful applicants will then refine their project in coordination with their Host Organization during the first weeks of their fellowship.

We're seeking Embedded Fellows to collaborate with the following host organizations:

- **BASAibu** (Indonesia): A decade-old, community-governed platform where young Indonesians write policy proposals that have real institutional impact.

  The challenge: Young people across Indonesia are writing policy proposals in their own local languages, but the volume and linguistic diversity make it hard for fellow contributors, staff, and juries to fully comprehend each proposal or see patterns emerging across them. Translation alone won't fix this. What the community needs are open-source tools that fit into the community's existing MediaWiki platform, works across different local languages, and helps people surface shared priorities. This requires working through hard design questions with the people most impacted; young people themselves.

  Time Zone Preference: Must be able to take meetings within 7am to 10pm Indonesian time (UTC +7/+8/+9).

  Fluency in an Indonesian language is strongly preferred; candidates working in English are also welcome to apply.

- **Fundación Kamanau** (Chile): A human rights organization behind landmark Supreme Court rulings on neural data and the first regional standards on neurotechnology and human rights.

  The challenge: AI and neurotechnology are already causing harm to people's rights in Latin America, but there's no trusted, secure way for people to report these incidents or for advocates to analyze them. Without that evidence base, communities can't hold companies and governments accountable, and the region's experience is missing from global incident-tracking efforts. The community needs an open platform for reporting and analyzing these harms, starting in Chile and designed to grow across Latin America.

  Time Zone Preference: Southern Cone Region (UTC-3/UTC-4)

- **LAS Art Foundation** (Germany): A Berlin-based foundation that commissions and presents work at the intersection of art, science, and technology.

  The challenge: We increasingly understand and govern the planet through satellites, sensors, and models. These systems don't just describe the Earth, they shape what becomes visible, measurable, valuable, and actionable. What gets left out, from smaller species to situated knowledge, remains largely invisible to decision-makers. Moving forward requires a way to collectively interrogate the infrastructures through which we observe the planet. An experimental planetary observatory could bring open satellite and environmental data into an interface that reveals the scales, resolutions, assumptions, and uncertainties of different sensing systems, while allowing scientists,

artists, ecologists, and citizens to annotate datasets, identify blind spots, contribute alternative questions, and propose what might be worth observing differently. It also requires practical answers to hard design questions: how to represent absence and uncertainty, how to distinguish scientific data from interpretation, situated knowledge, and speculation, how contributions are reviewed, and how such a shared space is governed and sustained over time.

Time Zone Preference: Any

- **Quantum Village** (United States): A community that opens up and builds quantum technology.

  The challenge: Quantum Technology is being shaped almost entirely inside universities, governments, and large companies, leaving hackers, makers, and independent technologists without the tools or access to experiment, question, and build. If quantum follows the same closed path as earlier technologies, the public loses its chance to influence how it is used. The challenge requires support in lowering barriers, for example through building open-source machine-learning signal processing for low-cost diamond quantum sensors, testbeds for quantum networking and cryptography, quantum security, or entirely new quantum applications.

  Time Zone Preference: Any, with preference for applicants that can take meetings in alignment with UTC -/+8 time zones.

  Location Preference: Any, with preference for applicants located in the US, UK, Europe, or Canada.

- **Slum & Rural Health Initiative** (Nigeria): Promoting access to healthcare in slums and rural communities in Africa.

  The challenge: Mental health data from African communities is increasingly used to build AI, often without meaningful consent, community control, or any share of the benefits. This repeats an extractive pattern in which communities supply the data while others decide how it's used and who profits. To deviate from the extractive pattern it's a priority for the community to explore community-owned tools for governance, consent, privacy, and benefit-sharing, and pilot it with young people, people with lived experience, and community health workers in pursuit of designing a mental health data commons.

  Time Zone Preference: Ibadan or Abuja, Nigeria (WAT, UTC+1)

  Location Preference: Nigeria

Who thrives here: rising mid-career builders with demonstrated technical excellence who have already built and shipped meaningful projects or done important research where they are, but haven't yet reached field-wide recognition. You're ready for the credibility and connections the Fellowship provides, and you'll benefit from the structure a host organization gives you.

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Embedded Fellows must be based in Chile, Germany, Indonesia, Nigeria, or the United States, or be able to work flexibly as a remote Fellow across time zones.

What Mozilla provides: $100,000 USD in total, as a $75,000 stipend and a $25,000 project budget.

Track II: Independent Fellows

Independent Fellows pursue their most ambitious idea in one of the areas above. You'll turn your vision into products, working systems and other innovations that advance better technology futures, with the freedom to choose the approach: a platform that proves an alternative model works, or tools that let other technologists build better systems.

Who thrives here: senior, recognized innovators with a proven record of independent leadership. You have exceptional technical ability and are ready for ambitious, field-defining work that sets the agenda for tech's next decade.

What Mozilla provides: $125,000 USD in total, as a $100,000 stipend and a $25,000 project budget.

Who we look for

We back builders at two stages: people who've shipped real work but aren't yet known beyond their field, and recognized leaders ready for field-defining work. Whichever you are, we look for three things:

Trailblazing. You work in fields that haven't settled, and you don't wait for someone else to decide the shape. You're shaping it now, before it hardens.

Rigorous. You have proof you can build, and the discipline to get through the unglamorous part where good ideas usually die. Your authority comes from what you've made, not your title.

Community-driven. You are as ready to learn as you are to teach, and you want the cohort to be better because you were part of it.

These qualities are a starting point, not a finished definition. We expect each Fellow to come with different lived experiences, ideas, and ways of working.

You are not a fit if your project

- Makes an extractive system run more smoothly without asking who it serves
- Is designed about a community rather than with it
- Is a technology looking for a problem
- Is still only an idea without a pathway to developing the idea into a prototype, **unless you're applying for our Creative Advocacy area**. We back big visions, but you need to deliver inside 12 months

- Wants the funds without the cohort

Not sure if your work fits? If it's too early, unexpected, or too big for anyone else to fund then we still want to hear from you.

If you are seeking multi-year funding for projects that show early evidence of product-community fit, with a real opportunity to scale then consider checking out Human-Scale AI Incubator. Applications for the incubator close on November 20, 2026.

What success looks like

Success is a project delivered: the tool built and the work in people's hands and in use. It's also what happens next: your voice carries further than your project; you're recognized as a leader in your field, or as the person who helped define a new one, and the standards you set start to become the defaults. By the end, your work is proof that technology can be built for good, and other people are building because you showed them it could be done.

NOTE

All copyright, patent, and other proprietary interests in materials produced by selected Fellows in the course of the Fellowship shall be owned by the Fellow. To ensure the widest possible distribution of such materials and ensure that they remain generally available to the public, selected Mozilla Foundation Fellows agree to release code and non-confidential content created during the fellowship under open licenses determined in consultation with Mozilla. Selected Fellows are expected to work in the open, regularly sharing and documenting their work.

The Fellowship Year

The Fellowship runs for 12 months. It's built around you and your project rather than a fixed curriculum. Why build with Mozilla Foundation? We combine a trusted, mission-aligned brand with an appetite for risk, a deep bench of technical experts, and a network that runs from Firefox engineers to artists, activists and grassroots creators.

What you get

- **A small, complementary cohort** from around the world that will challenge your thinking and share what they learned the hard way.
- **All-expenses-paid travel to key Mozilla Foundation moments,** including a Fellows Kick-off in July 2027, and MozFest 2027.
- **A dedicated support team**, including a **Program Manager** and Senior Curricular Advisor for regular 1:1s, problem-solving, and introductions to the people who can open the next door.

- **Across Mozilla,** introductions to the teams behind Firefox and Thunderbird, Mozilla.ai's open-source AI tools, the Mozilla Data Collective, and Mozilla Ventures' portfolio of 50+ companies.
- **Coaching and workshops** for technical people stepping into leadership.
- **Audiences.** Mozilla Festival and other Mozilla-owned platforms to put your work in front of new audiences.

What we ask

Fellows spend most of their time on their own project. Beyond that, expect to dedicate about 5 to 10 hours a month to the Fellowship community: onboarding, connecting with your cohort, and joining Mozilla-wide events and activities. Time commitments will be higher at the start of the year, including the Fellowship Kick-Off, and around MozFest.

- **Participate actively.** Take part in cohort calls, workshops, coaching, and other offerings. Required sessions will generally be limited to one or two hour-long virtual meetings a month. Attendance to the Fellowship kick-off in July 2027 and MozFest in October 2027 is also mandatory.
- **Learn with the cohort.** Share challenges, approaches, resources and lessons with your peers as your project develops.
- **Work in the open.** Share relevant approaches, outputs, and learnings so that your cohort, the communities you serve, and the broader field can benefit. This could mean open source code, educational resources, public workshops or something else.

What you leave with

By the end of the grant period, each project should leave behind something of value that others can use or build on — whether that's open-source components, documentation, datasets, research, shared methodologies, community access, or another public-facing resource appropriate to the project.

Moving forward, you'll become a part of an amazing Mozilla Fellow community and be listed in our Expert Hub and Mozilla Wiki. You'll be the first to know about upcoming opportunities and events, and stay connected across the network. You can read more about our Alumni Policy here.

Applicant Eligibility

Mozilla Foundation funds projects that advance our charitable mission and create meaningful public benefit. In your application, we'll ask you to describe the work you want to undertake, who stands to benefit, and what impacts you hope to see your work produce.

You must be legally able to receive grant funds from Mozilla Foundation. **We welcome builders from all walks and sectors to apply, and your work does not need to be focused on non-profits. We do require a charitable purpose, however. Learn more in our complete eligibility guidelines.**

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Applicants may be asked to provide additional information as part of Mozilla Foundation's eligibility review. Please carefully review all eligibility guidelines before applying.

Applications must be submitted in English. Translation tools are welcome. **We evaluate your ideas, not your language quality.**

Track I Embedded Fellows must be located in timezones that are compatible with their respective Host Organization.

How we decide

We focus on six questions, then a look at the cohort as a whole.

1. **Is it early?** Are the usual funders still catching up? Is the field still being shaped? Is someone else already doing this better?
2. **Who is it for?** Who needs this now, or will soon? Tell us who will use it and why they'd want to. We want imagination, and we want it to land somewhere real.
3. **Can you build it?** Do you have a record of shipping? Is the plan focused enough to finish in 12 months, with a clear picture of done?
4. **Who holds the power?** Are the people most affected shaping how it's built and governed?
5. **What do you bring to the cohort,** and what do you hope to take from it?
6. **Could you become a defining voice?** Would policymakers, journalists and the next generation of technologists come to you? Does the Fellowship change your trajectory?

We then shape the cohort for a real mix of geographies, communities and technical approaches.

Show us the thing. The strongest applications link to something we can open: a repository, a demo, a dataset, a deployment, a paper, a performance. Tell us who uses it and how you know.

How to Apply

Applications are reviewed through a multi-stage process. The primary review occurs at the **Letter of Intent** stage, with only a small number of shortlisted applicants invited to submit a full application.

- Letter of Intent Submission Portal Open: October 20, 2026
- Letter of Intent Deadline: December 17, 2026 at 11:59 PM Pacific (UTC-8).
- Fellows Invited to Submit Full App: February 16, 2027
- Full Application Deadline: March 12, 2027 at 11:59 PM Pacific (UTC-8).
- Final Applicants Notified: April 30, 2027
- Fellowship Begins: June 1, 2027
- Fellowship Duration: 12 months

AI-Use Policy

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We recognize that applicants may use tools such as AI to help brainstorm ideas, clarify language, or assist with translation. These tools can support the application process, especially for non-native English speakers or those seeking to improve clarity.

However, all submitted content must ultimately reflect your own original work, ideas, and voice. The use of AI or translation tools should be limited to supportive functions, not to generate full responses or replace your personal input. Applications that appear to be heavily or entirely AI-generated, or that do not demonstrate authentic engagement with the application questions, may be subject to further review.

Letters of Intent Questions

Expected time to complete : 60 minutes

SECTION 1: Applicant Information & Eligibility

Full Name * [Text field, 100 characters]

Preferred Name* [Text field, 100 characters]

Email Address * [Text field, 100 characters]

Current Location (City, Country) *
If you reside in more than one location, this should be the primary location you will reside in during the Fellowship period.

If you have permission to work in any other countries, please list them here: [Text field, 100 characters]

Current Role & Organization/Affiliation* [Text field, 150 characters]

LinkedIn Profile URL [URL field]

GitHub URL [URL field]

Builder Profile*
Do you have a public link that we can open: a repo, demo, dataset, deployment, paper, or recording of a performance that we can view?

> **If yes, please share your link here.** Feel free to share as many as you'd like**:** [Text area, 200 words max.]

Professional Website/Portfolio URL [URL field]

Years of Relevant Professional Experience *

- ☐ 0-2 years
- ☐ 3-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ 11-15 years

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- [ ] 16+ years

Fellowship Availability * [Yes/No]
I acknowledge that the Mozilla Fellowship will run for 12 months beginning June 1, 2027. By completing and submitting this application, I confirm that I am able to participate fully in the Fellowship program as detailed in the call for proposals

Legal Eligibility* [Yes/No]
I acknowledge that I have read the eligibility criteria. I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, I am legally able to receive fellowship and grant funding from Mozilla Foundation.

SECTION 2: Fellowship Track and Focus

To which Fellowship track are you applying? *
[Radio buttons]

- Track I: Embedded Fellow (Mid-career, partnered with host organization)
- Track II: Independent Fellow (Senior-level, independent project)

IF TRACK I

Geographic Eligibility * [Yes/No]
Track I Fellows must be located in Chile, Germany, Indonesia, Nigeria, or the United States, or be able to work flexibly as a remote Fellow across time zones. Does your current location meet this requirement?

Host Organization Selection *

- BASAibu (Indonesia)
- Fundación Kamanau (Chile)
- LAS Art Foundation (Germany)
- Quantum Village (United States)
- Slum & Rural Health Initiative (Nigeria)

Why this host organization?* [Text area, 100 words]
How does your expertise align with this organization's work and its community's needs?

IF TRACK II

Primary Issue Area* [Dropdown with Foundation focus areas, select one]

- Neurotech, biotech and physical AI
- Hard infrastructure: compute, energy, quantum, and the extremes
- Raising p(bloom)
- Business models for the post-agentic web
- Shared security and audit infrastructure for small organizations
- Sovereign AI, public infrastructure and maintenance
- Creative Advocacy
- Wildcard
    - If Wildcard, please explain (50 words max)

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SECTION 3: Project Proposal

Proposed Project Title* [Text field, 10 words max.]

Project Summary * [Text area, 200 words max.]

Your One-Liner* [Text area, 30 words max.]

In one sentence, what makes your project interesting?

Target Users* [Text area, 50 words max.]
Who is this built for? Describe the specific people or communities that will use your prototype/tool/end project.

Traction to Date* [Text area, 50 words max.]
What are your numbers today? Share any that apply: active target users, deployments, contributors, paying customers, partners. If you're pre-launch, tell us what you're measuring and where you are now.

Primary Project Output(s) * *(select all that describe your project)*

- Technology platform or tool
- Dataset
- Policy framework or recommendations
- Community organizing tools
- Research publication
- Educational resources
- Creative or artistic work
- **Other:** [specify in 50 characters]

Project Stage*

- Concept or wireframe only
- Working prototype
- Deployed with early users (less than 100 users)
- Deployed at scale (100+ user)

Project Impact * [Text area, 150 words, max.]
Should your project be successful, beyond your wildest imagination, what changes in the field?

Disruption* [Text area, 50 words, max.]
Who would be most disrupted if this works, and why?

Project Milestones * [Text area, 150 words, max.]
Please provide a **high level quarterly timeline** for your proposed Fellowship project, detailing key milestones and anticipated deliverables. Please note that all proposed project milestones and deliverables are subject to potential revision in consultation with Mozilla and/or Track I Host Organizations if you are selected for the Fellowship.

Will this project serve a charitable purpose and create meaningful public benefit? (Yes/No)

For more details on what we mean by "charitable purpose", see our grant eligibility guidelines.

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Briefly describe the public benefit of this project and who will benefit from this work beyond the users of your project. [Text area, 150 words, max.]

How do you plan to work in the open? *(Select all that apply.)*

- Open sourcing code or other assets
- Publishing educational materials
- Publishing research papers
- Openly sharing datasets
- Public workshops or presentations
- Another public-facing resource
- None of the above

SECTION 4: Professional Background

Most Relevant Professional Experience * [Text area, 150 words max.]
Highlight 2-3 examples of your work that best demonstrate you're ready for this Fellowship. Focus on projects where you had significant impact or leadership responsibility.

Technical Expertise * [Text area, 100 words max.]
What technical skills and experiences do you have that best equip you to carry out your proposed Fellowship project?

Your Role in the Field* [Text area, 150 words max.]
Imagine it's the end of your Fellowship year. Who are you in your field now? What role do you play, who turns to you, and what has changed because of your work?

What's Next?* [Text area, 150 words max.]
What's the next door for this work after the Fellowship? A company, a cooperative, a public institution, a standard, an accelerator, a larger funder? Who would need to say yes?

SECTION 5: Mission Alignment & Motivation

Fellowship Motivation * [Dropdown, select up to three]
What are the three things that you hope to get out of the Fellowship?

- ☐ Funding to focus on my work
- ☐ Connections to future funders and investors
- ☐ Technical support or expert advice
- ☐ Coaching and leadership development
- ☐ Peer learning with a cohort
- ☐ Access to Mozilla's network of partners and collaborators
- ☐ Visibility and platforms to share my work (e.g., media, speaking, MozFest)
- ☐ Help with strategy, sustainability, or a path to scale
- ☐ Policy and advocacy connections
- ☐ Other (please specify)

External Support [Text area, 100 words]
Which other programs have you applied to or received funding from for this work?

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SECTION 6: Additional Information

How did you hear about this opportunity? *Select all that apply.*

- ☐ Bluesky
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ LinkedIn
- ☐ Word of Mouth
- ☐ Mozilla Foundation Staff Member
- ☐ Mozilla Festival
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Foundation
- ☐ Website
- ☐ Other

If there was a specific person, organization, and/or network that referred you, please let us know their name here. [Text area, 50 characters]

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