



ERA INC.

Fellowship

ERA supports Open Source research into computer science and interactive art experiments that benefit humanity. For research that does not exclusively benefit ERA, such as publications that may be used by the public, other corporations or competing institutions, or governments, ERA offers Grant Fellowships. ERA is devoted to the advancements of applications that empower individual's data privacy and ownership, web-based creative editing and authoring tools that enhance artist's productivity, and improvement to underlying protocols and data structures in distributed systems.

Deadline

Apply by July 1st, 2019.

Eligibility

Grant fellowship applicants must have prior experience, industry or academic, in computer science and be available for a 1 year (12 calendar months) leave or absence, preferably as a sabbatical, from fulltime work to devote to research and development on Open Source public-benefit projects.

Fellows must have existing skills and a strong background in their area of focus, as the goal is to publish results from the fellowship. Fellows may collaborate to learn new skills, but education and training is not the sole purpose of this program, and therefore applicants lacking sufficient skillsets are ineligible.

Stipend

Fellows will receive up to \$60,000 for the 12 month duration of the program.

Structure

This grant is awarded by ERA INC., a research and design company which sponsors research in open source computer science and distributed systems. The ERA INC. grant is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The grant is to facilitate and stimulate research, growth, and development of open source, peer-to-peer alternatives to Uber and AirBnB (*Initiative A*), creative editing and web-based authoring tools, including music and graphic artistic creation tools (*Initiative B*), and the underlying protocols, tools, data structures, and algorithms thereof (*Initiative C*). The grantee will be involved with other OSS developers across an array of community initiatives categorized by (*A*), (*B*), and (*C*) and supporting projects to those.
2. The recipient is allowed to use and/or share their work with any other individuals or organizations, and does not exclusively benefit ERA INC. However, as the recipient's work is made public through open source licenses, the grant giver does have a right to use the published work, for either non-profit or commercial purposes, which are the same rights others have as well.
3. Where the recipient cannot conduct code or algorithms for the promotion of open source alternatives and initiatives, the recipient will consult with ERA INC., and ERA INC. is not able to charge for this or any teaching, instruction, or education provided.
4. This work supported by this grant will be open source (licensed under Zlib/MIT/Apache 2.0), and any contribution to ERA INC.'s code base or repositories will also be considered open source licensed under those respective repositories and code bases with the same rights as the existing code.

Apply

Please return this application with essay answers to the questions on the following pages filled out, to grant@era.eco along with any additional resources, such as curriculum vitae, resume, letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc. that may be relevant.

Describe the most advanced web application (Javascript, HTML, CSS, etc.) you have built:

Describe the largest machine or human network you have deployed and scaled up:

Describe the most powerful algorithm or art experience you had to implement or design: