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## **Omidyar Fellows Program Recruiting for Cohort VI Local Leaders Encouraged to Apply by April 26**

HONOLULU – Change makers and leaders statewide are invited to apply for the sixth cohort of the Omidyar Fellows. Founded in 2012, the program seeks to cultivate the conditions in which Hawaii thrives by equipping mid-career leaders with the skills and cross-sector relationships necessary to collectively affect societal change.

Applications are now being accepted at [www.omidyarfellows.org](http://www.omidyarfellows.org), and are due by Thursday, April 26 at 12 Noon HST. Candidates will be selected based on their motivation and ability to make transformative change happen in Hawaii. The best candidates are mid-career leaders who have been entrepreneurial in their career and who have had the experience and drive to be disrupters and transformative catalysts within organizational leadership and/or outside of formal roles.

The application and selection process for the Omidyar Fellows includes an online written application, letters of support, small group process, and in-person interview. Selected Fellows will participate in an executive-level 15-month curriculum and join a vibrant network – the Forum of Fellows – at no cost to the Fellow or their employer/sponsoring organization. The program provides travel stipends for neighbor island Fellows.

“The future of our state relies tremendously on the ability of its emerging leaders to address and solve the growing, complex challenges facing our community,” said Bill Coy, director of Omidyar Fellows. “The Omidyar Fellows program presents an incredible, life-changing opportunity for those leaders to grow. Together, those leaders will foster and enact innovative change in Hawaii.”

Omidyar Fellows, a program of the Hawaii Leadership Forum, commences in October 2018 with Cohort VI. The curriculum includes a full-day session once a month, executive coaching, an individual learning excursion, conversations with community, business, and government leaders, and more.

After the initial 15 months, the curriculum portion of the Omidyar Fellows journey concludes, and the cohort becomes fully engaged in the Forum of Fellows, an active network of currently 70 leaders and change makers from five islands, all of whom are dedicated to making positive movement on Hawaii's most pressing issues.

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“Courageous leadership is what calls one to the Omidyar Fellows program. This program will not resonate with those just interested in career advancement. Rather, this program is for those who have a bigger vision for the world around them and seek to raise the tide and change the game for the broader community,” said John Leong, Cohort III, Kupu.

For additional information about Omidyar Fellows, please visit [www.omidyarfellows.org](http://www.omidyarfellows.org). Omidyar Fellows is also on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/OmidyarFellowsHI](https://www.facebook.com/OmidyarFellowsHI).

### **About Omidyar Fellows**

The Hawaii Leadership Forum’s cornerstone program, Omidyar Fellows, is a societal change program, seeking to cultivate the conditions in which Hawaii thrives.

Omidyar Fellows believes that effective leadership is essential to the development of a community of engaged citizens. Leaders help make sense of our current reality, provide a vision for what is possible, build relationships, and solve sticky, complex problems. The Omidyar Fellows program is dedicated to making positive movement on Hawaii’s most pressing issues.

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### **About Hawaii Leadership Forum**

The Hawaii Leadership Forum is dedicated to advancing leadership in and for Hawaii. A part of The Omidyar Group, the Forum receives funding from the Omidyar Ohana Fund at the Hawaii Community Foundation.

### **About The Omidyar Group**

The Omidyar Group is a diverse collection of companies, organizations, and initiatives each guided by its own approach, but all united by a desire to catalyze social impact. The Omidyars’ are guided by a common set of values – a deeply rooted belief in humanity, and a conviction that the world thrives when we prioritize treating others with compassion, dignity, and a vision for positive change powered by the individual.

Working across many sectors and geographies, the Omidyars have contributed more than \$1.5 billion to causes ranging from economic advancement for the underserved and human rights to government accountability and sustainability initiatives. To fulfill their mission Pierre and Pam are deeply engaged in the organizations they founded, and while each organization across [The Omidyar Group](#) has a specific focus, they are united in that they all aim to create opportunities for people to improve their quality of life and that of their communities. For more, visit [omidyargroup.com](http://omidyargroup.com).

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