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Omidyar Fellows Program Now Accepting Applicants for Cohort VIII Hawai'i Leaders Encouraged to Apply by March 4, 2020

HONOLULU – Changemakers and leaders statewide are invited to apply for the Omidyar Fellows eighth cohort. Founded in 2012, the program seeks to cultivate the conditions in which Hawai'i 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 and are due by 12 noon HST on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Candidates should have at least 10 years of professional experience leading and engaging others, and be willing to commit significant time and effort to improve their futures and the future of Hawai'i. The best candidates have been entrepreneurial in their career and 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 program 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 develop. Together, those leaders will foster and enact transformative change for Hawai'i.”

Omidyar Fellows, a program of the Hawai'i Leadership Forum, commences in October 2020 with Cohort VIII. 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 100 local leaders and changemakers, all of whom are dedicated to making positive movement on Hawai'i's most pressing issues.

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“To be of service in one's community is one of the greatest responsibilities we can be blessed with. The Omidyar Fellows program brings the collective, brave space to unpack, challenge, define, and mold ideas and solutions that can positively impact Hawai'i in a responsible way,” said Forest Frizzell, Cohort I.

For additional information about Omidyar Fellows, please visit www.omidyarfellows.org. Omidyar Fellows is also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OmidyarFellowsHI.

About Omidyar Fellows

The Hawai'i Leadership Forum's cornerstone program, Omidyar Fellows, is a societal change program, seeking to cultivate the conditions in which Hawai'i 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 address sticky, complex problems. The Omidyar Fellows program is dedicated to making positive movement on Hawai'i's most pressing issues.

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About Hawai'i Leadership Forum

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

About The Omidyar Group

The Omidyar Group creates, funds, and fosters a diverse collection of organizations and initiatives. These independent teams have the freedom to pursue ideas they believe have potential to improve the lives of people and societies. The Omidyar Group was founded by philanthropists and entrepreneurs Pierre and Pam Omidyar, who are guided by common beliefs that people are good and capable, and that societal improvement is accomplished through empowered individuals and adaptive, accountable institutions.

Working across sectors and geographies, the Omidyars have contributed more than \$3 billion to causes ranging from economic advancement for the underserved, to human rights, to government accountability and press freedom initiatives. For more information, visit www.omidyargroup.com.

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