

JCUA Organizing Fellowship Application Questions 2020-2021

Personal information

1. First & Last Name
2. Identities
 - a. Gender identity & Pronouns
 - b. Racial identity
 - c. Ethnicity/Cultural heritage
 - d. Socio-economic class (Raised, current, or both)
 - e. Any other identities that are relevant for you
3. Email address & phone number
4. Current & permanent addresses
5. Date of birth
6. If you are currently enrolled in a Chicagoland academic institution full or part-time - which one do you attend? If you are not currently enrolled in school, please describe your current activities.
7. If you are in school, what year do you plan to graduate?
8. What is (or was, if you have previously been in school) your major or concentration?

Other relevant information

9. Where did you hear about the fellowship? Check all that apply.
 - a. Your Campus Hillel
 - b. J Street U chapter
 - c. University job board or other job posting
 - d. University Service Learning/Social Justice Engagement Office
 - e. University Department of Study
 - f. Student organization
 - g. Other student/peer
 - h. Professor
 - i. Synagogue/Rabbi
 - j. Social Media
 - k. JCUA Email
 - l. Family member or friend
 - m. Other
10. Which one from the above list influenced you the most to apply?
11. Do you know any previous JCUA Organizing Fellows? If yes, who?
12. Do you know anyone who is a part of JCUA, as a staff person, member, or on the board? If yes, who?
13. Are you authorized to work in the United States?

14. Do you currently identify as a particular denomination of Judaism? (For example: Conservative, Havurah, Hebrew Israelite, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, Reform, Renewal, Other) If so, which one(s)? List all that apply.
15. Have you been involved in Jewish spaces, communities, congregations, or activities in Chicago? List all current and past involvement.
16. Describe any past volunteer or paid experience related to social justice.
17. What social justice issues are you passionate about? What specific Chicago issues interest you? Please provide short lists.
18. Do you have any training or certifications in topics related to social justice? (e.g. advocacy/lobbying, community organizing, conflict resolution, restorative justice, etc) If so, please list the organization(s) where you received training. If you feel experienced in a particular area but do not have formal training, mention that as well.
19. Describe your experiences in positions of leadership, formal or informal.

Open response questions

20. What motivates you to fight for social change, and how does your interest in social justice connect to your values?
21. Describe a recent experience where you were involved in social justice work - what was meaningful for you?
22. Why are you interested in exploring social justice through a Jewish lens? What do you hope to gain from membership in an intentional Jewish social justice community?
23. Describe your investment in Chicago's local issues. Why are you interested in fighting for change with Chicago communities?
24. JCUA understands that fellows have other commitments outside of the program, but wants to support participants in making a commitment to this work. How do you see the Fellowship intersecting with your other commitments such as school, jobs, internships, extracurricular activities, etc that you may pursue simultaneously? How do your life pursuits support your participation in a program like this? How might they make it challenging? What will keep you committed to the program and to Jewish social justice work in Chicago?
25. Please describe how the JCUA Fellowship will help you to pursue your future goals, social justice-related or otherwise.

Make sure to submit a resume and 1-2 letters of recommendation to mara@jcu.org to complete your application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.