



# Call for Applications: The Aroha Fellow for Museums and Creative Aging

## American Alliance of Museums, Arlington, VA

The American Alliance of Museums is inviting applications for a two-year, non-resident senior fellowship exploring how museums can engage with creative aging. The Aroha Fellow for Museums and Creative Aging will work with museums and with organizations and individuals in the creative aging sector to:

- **Raise awareness** about the pervasive and negative effects of ageism
- **Instigate change** by using the Alliance's extensive network and diverse platforms to disseminate information and tools museums need to implement age-inclusive practices in all areas of operations, including programming, marketing, and hiring
- **Promote evaluation and research** that contributes to the growing body of knowledge on creative aging, and encouraging application of the latest research findings on the benefits of arts participation
- **Foster partnerships** between museums and organizations devoted to creative aging

It is our intent that, as a result of the fellow's work, more museums will integrate creative aging practices into their work as a matter of course, and we will increase the number of national and community-based organizations dedicated to creative aging that see museums as vital partners for their work.

The major components of your work as a fellow will be generating content (writing and speaking); networking; and organizing a multi-day symposium. These activities will include:

- Writing original posts and editing guest posts for the Alliance blogs
- Guest editing an edition of the Alliance's bimonthly member magazine
- Organizing a national convening on museums and creative aging in fall, 2019
- Presenting sessions at the 2019 and 2020 AAM annual meetings
- Attending and speaking at other meetings and conferences, as appropriate
- Producing a capstone report that includes a collection of essays from the blog and magazine

### Support

The fellow will receive a stipend of \$55,000 per year for the two years of the fellowship. There are additional funds to support travel to Washington, DC on a quarterly basis to work with Alliance staff, to attend the AAM conference, and for additional travel two to three times per year.



## Qualifications

The Aroha fellowship is open to individuals with at least ten years of relevant experience (more is welcome). For example, applicants might be engaged in research and scholarship related to creativity and aging, or in arts programming with a focus on social engagement and skills mastery. Applicants are not required or expected to have experience working in museums, though such experience is a plus.

## Application process

Please submit a letter of interest explaining what you hope to accomplish through the fellowship, the connections between your work to date and the issue of creative aging, and summarizing your experience with generating content. Send this letter, along with your resume or CV, to [aamexecutive@aam-us.org](mailto:aamexecutive@aam-us.org) by COB Friday, December 14, 2018.

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## **About the Alliance**

The American Alliance of Museums, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is a trusted leader, partner, and advocate for museums and works to build a field that includes dynamic and diverse individuals, institutions, and communities. With a budget of \$10M, the Alliance provides leadership, advocacy, and service to its membership and the museum field, which includes a broad range of museums, from art museums to zoos. The Alliance is an equal opportunity employer and values a diverse workplace. For more information, please visit [www.aam-us.org](http://www.aam-us.org).

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## **About Aroha Philanthropies**

*Mission: Inspiring Creative and Fulfilling Lives.*

Aroha Philanthropies is devoted to the transformative power of the arts and creativity, inspiring vitality in those over 55, joy in children and youth, and humanity in adults with mental illness. We believe that learning, making, and sharing art enriches everyone throughout their lifetime.

Applicants are advised to become familiar with Aroha's approach to [combating ageism and promoting creative aging](#).