



**Open Buffalo Innovation Lab  
Public Research Fellowship**



**Request for Proposals, Due January 31, 2019**

**Partnership for the Public Good**

The Partnership for the Public Good (PPG) builds a more just, sustainable, and culturally vibrant community through action-oriented research, policy development, and citizen engagement. PPG serves as a community-based think tank for over 285 local organizations.

**Open Buffalo**

Open Buffalo is a community movement for social and economic justice. As a network of community organizations, Open Buffalo makes systemic change through two main strategies: running issue campaigns and building civic capacity. Currently, Open Buffalo's issue campaigns include justice and opportunity, with a focus on reducing racial disparities in local justice systems, and high road economic development, with a focus on creating affordable, inclusive housing and ensuring that the community benefits when public dollars are spent on economic development. Open Buffalo builds capacity through strategies including the Innovation Lab (research and policy development) and leadership development (empowering grassroots leaders). Woven through all Open Buffalo's work are commitments to restorative justice and arts integration. PPG is the lead partner in the Innovation Lab.

**Public Research Fellowship**

PPG is seeking one Open Buffalo Public Research Fellow for 2019. The fellowship will be open to faculty members, adjuncts, and post-docs at Western New York universities and colleges, as well as Cornell University. The fellowship will last ten months (March 1 to December 31, 2019), during which time the Fellow will:

- Research and write an original work, aimed at a general audience, on a topic related to one of Open Buffalo's issue campaigns or civic capacity areas (this may or may not be a popular version of a more academic work);
- Present that work at one public event, coordinated by PPG.
- Appear on one radio show and short video interview conducted by PPG;
- Author one op-ed piece based on the research and submit it to the Buffalo News;
- Participate in two internal workshops with PPG and Open Buffalo partners;
- Offer advice and consultation in the development of the Buffalo Commons, a Cornell/PPG project to enhance the body of knowledge about the Buffalo region and make it more accessible to the public.

PPG will pay the Fellow a stipend of \$5,000 and will help promote and disseminate the Fellow's work. Multiple researchers may also apply together and share the stipend.

**To Apply**

Send a proposal to PPG which includes your CV and a description of your project in 500 words or less. Be sure to address how your work will make an impact in advancing the issue campaigns and/or civic capacity goals of Open Buffalo. Send your proposal to Andrea Ó Súilleabháin, incoming PPG executive director, [Andrea@ppgbuffalo.org](mailto:Andrea@ppgbuffalo.org), and CC [buffalocommons@cornell.edu](mailto:buffalocommons@cornell.edu) by January 31, 2019.