Oakland Privacy Privacy Rights Fellowship 2021-2022

Oakland Privacy, founded in 2013, is an activist group devoted to fighting against both government and corporate surveillance and in defense of privacy rights and government transparency. We concentrate on state, regional and local matters, while advocating with other like-minded organizations at the national level.

Recently we applied for and obtained a grant to hire a part-time Fellow to aid us in our work and help us expand its scope. The fellowship begins on October 1st or as soon as possible thereafter for a duration of one year. Compensation is \$1000/month for 40-45 hours per month.

This is a unique opportunity to do hands-on implementation of enhanced privacy rights and enact social change beyond research and white papers.

The work would be focused in the following areas:

- Global Privacy Control helping to make California's new consumer privacy laws (CCPA-CPRA) effective and easily used by every Californian. In particular, we want to put pressure on the major web browser companies to provide their users with "one-stop" means of opting out from information gathering by web sites they visit. This campaign would be focused on Alphabet-Google and the Chrome browser and may also include Apple and the Safari browser. The campaign will include meetings with the companies, open letters and petitions, and potentially some creative technology to assist the advocacy.
- Public Records Transparency and Enforcement We actually can fight City Hall, but we need to know what they are doing to formulate effective opposition and ultimately bring lawsuits if necessary to compel them to follow the law.

This work would help us shed light on more Bay Area municipalities' surveillance and privacy activities by reviewing and monitoring existing public records requests and assessing where legal intervention might be appropriate and effective. We also hope to create and refine some public records templates to enable more crowdsourcing in the future.

And you would work closely with one or more of our experienced volunteers, experts in public records access, advocacy and privacy legislation.

For more on Oakland Privacy and the work we do, visit our <u>website</u>, and check out our current and former campaigns (About Our Work Tab -> Campaigns) and timeline.

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Please send in your fellowship application with answers to the below questions by September 15th, 2021.

Please attach your resume or CV.

Send to contact@oaklandprivacy.org
Or by US Mail to
Oakland Privacy
c/o James Massar
2424 McGee, Berkeley, CA 94703

Take as much space as you need below. Continue on separate pages if you wish.

Why are you interested in this position?

Have you ever submitted a Public Records request or Freedom of Information Act request?

Have you written code? Have you done any web programming?

Is there anything you've written that's been published, or blog posts, or similar, that you would like us to take a look at? Provide links.

Can you commit to 40 hours a month for the period of October 1, 2021 to October 1, 2022?

Anything else you would like us to know about you?