

FUNDING FELLOWSHIPS



What is a Hedgebrook Fellowship?

Borrowing the approach from academia, Hedgebrook Fellowships make it possible for donors to host women-identified writers working in a specific genre, or tackling a specific issue, or fitting a specific demographic profile of interest to the donor.

Is this a new thing?

Hedgebrook writers have benefitted from fellowships for a number of years, provided by organizations and foundations such as Rona Jaffe, Whiting, and Elizabeth George. What's new is our understanding of how powerful fellowships are and an excitement that they can be created by any donor or group of donors, not just foundations.

How are Hedgebrook Fellowships created?

Individuals or group representatives can use the enclosed form, or contact Hedgebrook's development team, to provide their selections from the options described below. The development team are available to support group members interested in contacting others to create a fellowship.

How does it work?

Everyone admitted to an upcoming residency will be screened against the characteristics identified for all as-yet-unfulfilled fellowships. Once a writer meeting the criteria has been identified, she is provided with information about the fellowship—including any donor-requested requirements—and invited to accept the fellowship. Examples of donor-requested requirements include agreeing to provide a post-residency statement of impact and agreement to participate in email exchange(s) or otherwise be in communication with the donor(s).

Note that Hedgebrook will not seek non-applicant writers to fulfill fellowship criteria, trusting that writers already drawn to our residencies will meet our donors' interests. (Funding for fellowships with truly esoteric criteria will not be accepted.)

What fellowship criteria work best?

Big categories will be the easiest to satisfy, such as:

Genre | Theme/Topic | Cottage | Geography | Demographics (ex. BIPOC, low income, disabled)

What do Hedgebrook Fellowships cost and what does the money cover?

Fellowship lengths are suggested to be two or three weeks, costing \$10,000 and \$15,000 respectively. The bulk of the contributed funds enable Hedgebrook to provide our signature Radical Hospitality by paying chefs and essential hospitality expenses, buying supplies, and maintaining our 48-acre farm. Importantly, every fellowship also includes \$1,500 in direct support delivered to the named Hedgebrook Fellow. Donors interested in providing higher levels of support to selected fellows are encouraged to do so.

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