

# 2019

CALL FOR APPLICANTS

Green River, Utah

[frontierfellowship.org](http://frontierfellowship.org)

Apply by January 11, 2019

# Frontier Fellowship

Photo by Frontier Fellow Tristan Wheelock



# About the Fellowship

The Frontier Fellowship provides creative practitioners the opportunity to live and work with Epicenter in Green River, Utah (pop. 952). Fellows generate new work that is informed by the town's history, the surrounding desert landscape, and the local residents. While in residence, Fellows execute community-based projects that align with Epicenter's mission and long term goals.

Note: Applications are encouraged from all backgrounds, but Latinx artists and those fluent in Spanish are highly encouraged to apply. The Frontier Fellowship is family-friendly.

## This year, we are accepting applications for the following types of residencies:



### Partnerships

Creative professionals interested in working with Green River residents specifically to execute community-based projects are encouraged to apply in this category. Local residents have expressed interest in pop-up restaurants/meals, documentary projects, cooking classes, and creative-reuse workshops. Partners include the local thrift store, restaurants, the high school, and many community groups and clubs.



### Emerging

If you're just getting started in your practice or are transitioning into a more community-based or collaborative practice, this is the category for you. This will be a joint residency of multiple Fellows focused on a curriculum of professional development, including insight into Epicenter's operations. Click [here](#) to view the pilot Emerging residency.



### Housing

Creative professionals experienced in community engagement are welcome to apply in this category. Artists will work with Epicenter's staff members and an Enterprise Architectural Rose Fellow to activate the community through creative activities that will inform the development of new affordable housing in rural southeastern Utah. Possible activities/projects include documentation, meals, installations, performances, and more.

# This is the Place

Green River from Monument Hill. Photo by Frontier Fellow Tristan Wheelock.



Epicenter, a non-profit organization, facilitates Fellowships throughout the year. Located in a historic building in downtown Green River, Epicenter houses an office space, a basement workroom, and a workshop stocked with tools. Fellows are given access to these spaces as well as Epicenter's vast network of partners, an extensive array of tools and materials, and workspace within the office and workshops. Off-site housing is provided and requires a \$250 fee. Travel, living, and materials stipends are available on a limited basis and details are provided after acceptance.



Green River, Utah, lies on the Paradox Basin, an ancient geological formation that has created the region's awe-inspiring canyons as well as their ripeness for excavation. Founded in 1876 as a ferry crossing, the town straddles the river with the Book Cliffs to the north, the San Rafael Swell to the west, and endless canyons to the south. Green River is the only town of consequence for 50-100 miles in all directions and only place to cross the Green River for hundreds of miles. It has been a welcomed sight to pioneers, cattlemen, and modern travelers alike, and today it is home to working-class residents who embrace the town's natural beauty and geographic isolation as a way of life. Green River is known for its melons, a cold water geyser, river history, and for being a true crossroads of the American West. Both the Old Spanish Trail and the Outlaw Trail once came through here, and these days Green River is served by the river itself, an Interstate highway, and national rail and bus routes.

The word frontier, especially in the context of the American west, often refers to the terms of violent Westward Expansion. The Frontier Fellowship seeks to recognize this and to engage with it, while at the same time complicating the facile sense of place which would reduce the idea of "Western" to just stories of "cowboys and Indians." The frontier is also a border, a line, and so our concept of the frontier walks both these paths. The Frontier Fellowship is the exploration of the new field of study of socially-engaged contextual practice, and it plays at the borders and "the confluences of art and design, creativity and community service, and pragmatism and experimentation." Our town is remote, but it is no longer an outpost from which to claim and to enclose. Instead, it is a node in a network ~ of transportation, culture, experimental practice, industry, environment, and history. We seek to honor this place and its position within those networks, and Epicenter's Frontier Fellows are an integral part of this process and our ongoing partnership with the community of Green River, Utah.

Thanks to Charlie Macquarie for editing this Frontier text for Epicenter. Quote taken from Nicole Lavelle's essay in our *A Call to Place: The First Five Years of the Frontier Fellowship* book.



Senior Spotlight by Frontier Fellow Jamie Horter

# How to Apply



*Library of Approximate Location by Frontier Fellow Charlie Macquarie*

1

**Complete** the application on the following page.

2

**Compile**, along with your completed application: a one-page cover letter, your curriculum vitae, 1-3 professional references, and a project\* that relates to the concept of “community.”

3

**Send to:**  
Frontier Fellowship, c/o Epicenter  
P.O. Box 444  
Green River, UT  
84525-0444

All materials are due in-hand by 9AM on January 11, 2018.

Questions? Contact [maria@ruralandproud.org](mailto:maria@ruralandproud.org).

Application materials will not be returned to applicants.

\*This must be original work, but does not need to be created specifically for this application. There are no size restrictions or media preferences, and the work does not need to be a traditional work of art. Please provide us with a written URL if it is housed on the Internet.

# Application

Directions: Print this out. Fill in the blanks. Redact everything except your answer.

(Greetings/Hello/\_\_\_\_\_):

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I prefer the pronoun she/he/they. I write to you today due to my interest in the Frontier Fellowship, which I heard about through \_\_\_\_\_. On \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ I was born in the city of \_\_\_\_\_. Compared to the (coast/forest/desert/\_\_\_\_\_) where I live in the (state/province/country/\_\_\_\_\_) of \_\_\_\_\_, Utah is \_\_\_\_\_. In the (house/apartment/van/\_\_\_\_\_) where I currently reside with \_\_\_\_\_ cohabiters, I enjoy (dinner time/game night/alone time/\_\_\_\_\_) the most because \_\_\_\_\_. My greatest weakness according to my (colleagues/family/partner/\_\_\_\_\_) is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm always using my (phone/laptop/power drill/camera/audio recorder/\_\_\_\_\_), but I could never live without my (bicycle/truck/hoverboard/\_\_\_\_\_). I would rank the best super powers as follows: \_\_Flight \_\_Time-Manipulation \_\_Healing \_\_Power Mimicry \_\_Immortality \_\_Precognition \_\_Omnilingualism \_\_Teleportation. Oh! Before I forget, you need to check out this (website/book/band/film) that I (love/made) called \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

If selected, I would be available for a Fellowship in:

2019: Mar/Apr/May/June/July/Aug/Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec or 2020: Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr/May/June/July/Aug/Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec with a preference for \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

The fellowship I am applying for is:  Partnerships  Emerging  Housing because \_\_\_\_\_.

I have enjoyed writing this letter to you on this (sunny/cloudy/oppressively windy/\_\_\_\_\_) (morning/afternoon/evening/\_\_\_\_\_).

(Sincerely/\_\_\_\_\_),  
\_\_\_\_\_

Website:  
  
Email address:



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*Photo by Frontier Fellow Jason Dilworth*