

SG STRONG FELLOWSHIP FACT SHEET  
**AN INVITATION TO APPLY**

**TMT GRANTS.**  
**SGSTRONG  
FELLOWSHIP**

**Application period:**  
04 MAY to 15 JUN 2023

## Overview

In partnership with GIC, the SG Strong Fellowship aims to nurture a collaborative community of groundup leaders that is equipped, supported and connected.

Fellows can look forward to flexible funding of up to \$10,000 each, along with opportunities to collaborate and pool allocated funding to collectively tackle bigger, more complex issues.

The hope is that through this process, groundup leaders can level up and forge a new frontier of what a thriving groundup community can look like.

## FELLOWSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Individuals that have founded and/or are currently leading at least 1 groundup project that has been consistently active for at least the last 2 years in the social, environmental, sports or arts sectors.
- A track record of actively journeying with vulnerable communities in Singapore.
- Applicants must be residing in Singapore and 18 years old and above.
- Is able to commit to all core activities under the Fellowship programme and participate in 2 supplementary activities.

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DURING OUR ZOOM INFO SESSION  
ON 17 MAY 2023!**

### INFO DECK

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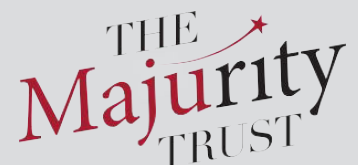
### SUBMIT APPLICATION ENQUIRY

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## ABOUT THE MAJORITY TRUST

The Majority Trust is a philanthropic organisation that seeks to work with donors and charities to build a thriving and sustainable community for all in Singapore. To achieve our vision, we glean insights on current gaps and needs in the community, give strategically to support identified causes, and galvanise the sector to collaborate for greater social impact.

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## PROGRAMME DETAILS

- The SG Strong Fellowship is a 12-month programme that aims to establish a network of leaders to forge a new frontier for a thriving groundup community.
- Targeted at experienced leaders of groundups who show readiness and willingness to develop into leaders of the groundup community.
- Up to 15 groundup leaders selected as Fellows.
- Each Fellow will be awarded up to \$10,000 in flexible funding.
- Fellows are expected to utilise the funds to support ongoing or new community initiatives that they are directly involved in, and consistently work on them throughout the course of the Fellowship.
- Programme is designed to encourage systems-thinking and collaboration amongst groundup leaders, and includes a 2D1N offsite and a number of community learning sessions.

## WHY APPLY TO THE SG STRONG FELLOWSHIP?



### Transformative partnerships

Shift the needle by coming together to tackle complex issues that your groundup cannot address alone



### Flexible funding

\$10,000 to utilise as needed across your community initiatives, with the option to pool funds with other Fellows



### Elevated credibility

Be heard as a leader of the groundup community contributing to the next frontier of civic innovation

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# SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Activity	Details
<b>Core Activities</b>			
Fri, 25 Aug 2023	Evening	Groundup Supper Club #1: Kickoff	Get to know each other over dinner and celebrate the start of the Fellowship journey together.
Fri, 1 Sep 2023 Sat, 2 Sep 2023	Full day	2D1N Offsite	Convene at a locally-based offsite and immerse in a series of carefully curated topics, creating room for conversation, reflection and action.
Sat, 14 Oct 2023	Morning	Groundup Supper Club #2 (Brunch Edition): Wellness	Nature walk followed by a hearty brunch after, while discussing the topic of managing burnout for self and team.
Fri, 8 Dec 2023	Evening	Groundup Day 2023	Co-design a meaningful Groundup Day experience to appreciate and celebrate the efforts of the groundup community.
Fri, 2 Feb 2024	Evening	Groundup Supper Club #3: Pathways	Dive deep into dinner conversations around organisational pathways for groundups, and cross-learn from invited guests who have previously been on similar journeys.
Sat, 27 Jul 2024	Afternoon	Groundup Convention 2024	Fellows share about their Fellowship journey and engage the wider groundup community on building systems for collaboration.
<b>Supplementary Activities</b>			
Nov 2023 Mar 2024 May 2024	Afternoon	TMT Learning Sessions	Learn about organisational capability building topics while connecting with the wider TMT grantee partner community.
Self-organised		Fellowship Learning Journeys	Experience each other's work as Fellows take turns to host learning journeys of their groundup's activities.

Fellows are expected to participate in all core activities and at least 2 supplementary activities.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. How do I apply for the SG Strong Fellowship?

Here are the steps towards becoming an SG Strong Fellow:

1. Submit an application enquiry: Send us an expression of interest [here](#). Our team will follow up with you to determine suitability.
2. Submit application: Suitable groundup leaders will be invited to submit an application form.
3. Clarifications & interviews: We will assess the applications, reach out regarding any clarifications, and invite shortlisted applicants for a chat.
4. Final decision: Our team will inform applicants of the application outcome.

### 2. Would I be a good fit for the SG Strong Fellowship?

The programme is designed to best suit founders and leaders of groundups that have been consistently active over the past 2 years. For the purpose of this Fellowship programme, a groundup is defined as a group of individuals who voluntarily come together to carry out a self-organised project or initiative to benefit the community, is not a registered organisation, and is not-for-profit in nature.

### 3. Can multiple people from the same groundup apply for the Fellowship?

We love the enthusiasm! While we are happy to accept applications from multiple individuals in the same groundup and assess each application based on merit, we will also take into account diversity in representation to ensure an equitable distribution of Fellows.

### 4. What are the key application dates to take note of?

04 May - 15 Jun 2023: Application period  
17 May 2023: Zoom info session  
01 Jun - 3 Aug 2023: Clarifications & interviews  
Early Aug 2023: Application outcome

### 5. How will the applications be evaluated?

Applicants will be evaluated based on their potential as a leader of the groundup space, a demonstrated understanding of the community they are involved in, and their track record running community initiatives.

### 6. How much time are Fellows expected to commit to the programme?

No community is built overnight, and we believe that investing time into nurturing relationships will be a cornerstone of the Fellowship. The programme is designed to be around 40 hours over a 12-month period (including a 2D1N offsite), with Fellows expected to attend all core components of the programme. Fellows are also expected to work on their identified community initiatives in their own time, and participate in 2 supplementary activities.

### 7. I can make it for most of the schedule, but might have to miss one or two sessions. Can I still apply to join the Fellowship?

While we believe that Fellows who are able to participate in all the core components of the programme will gain the most from being part of the Fellowship, we also recognise that scheduling considerations may sometimes be beyond our control. Do reach out to us to discuss further if that's the case.

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- 8. Are there any deliverables that Fellows have to fulfil by the end of the programme?**  
Fellows are expected to work on their identified groundup initiatives consistently over the course of the Fellowship, and will share their Fellowship journey and progress during Groundup Convention at the end of the programme.
- 9. How much funding is provided?**  
Each Fellow will be awarded up to \$10,000 in flexible funding, with the option of pooling funds with other Fellows to tackle bigger, more complex challenges together.
- 10. Are there restrictions on how the funds can be used?**  
Funding is flexible and can be used to support any ongoing or new community initiatives that the Fellow is directly involved in, but cannot be used to support the following costs and expenses:
- a) Any expenditure committed or made before the effective date of the Award Agreement Form (which will be around Sep 2023);
  - b) Any costs funded by any other sources;
  - c) Any costs associated with the employment of staff under a contract of service;
  - d) Any financial benefit of whatever nature that accrues to the Fellow and related parties;
  - e) Any costs incurred overseas (including any relevant costs for travelling to and/or from Singapore).
- 11. How will the funding be disbursed?**  
Funding will be disbursed in two equal tranches. The first tranche will be disbursed after the offsite in Sep 2023, and the second tranche will be disbursed after Fellows submit an expenditure statement and update on how the first tranche has been utilised.
- 12. Can overseas initiatives or projects be supported as part of the Fellowship?**  
The focus for the SG Strong Fellowship is on benefitting the Singapore society, and as such projects should have a clear impact and relevance to the local community.
- 13. What if my groundup initiative ceases or evolves to a registered entity over the course of the Fellowship?**  
Ultimately, the Fellowship is about you as an individual and community leader. We recognise that groundup initiatives can evolve or cease over time, and what matters more is the spirit in which you participate in the Fellowship. If you already have plans to transition your groundup initiative, do let us know and we can have a chat about it.
- 14. Help! I have a question that I can't find an answer to, who can I ask?**  
Reach out to us at [sgstrong@majurity.sg](mailto:sgstrong@majurity.sg) and we'd be happy to help!

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