

Nomination Form: 2021 Grinnell College Innovator for Social Justice Prize

The 2021 Grinnell Prize Nomination Form is due by 11:59 p.m. (CST) on October 31, 2020.

Essay Questions:

(Answers must be in English. **Character counts includes spaces.**)

The nomination form includes five essay questions that will be used to evaluate the nominees' ability to:

- Identify pressing social justice needs and utilize critical-thinking and problem-solving skills to solve issues related to that need;
 - Be innovative and socially just in the design and implementation of their solution; and
 - Demonstrate their solution's current and potential social justice impact.
1. Describe the social justice issue the nominee is addressing. (2500 character maximum)
Make sure to include:
 - a. The general challenge the nominee is working to change;
 - b. The systemic issues and/or root causes related to the challenge; and
 - c. The particular geographic or cultural conditions the nominee must consider in their change-making work.
 2. Describe the model the nominee is using to address the social justice issue described in Question 1. In addition to your description, you may share a link to a website that has a visual representation or infographic of the nominee's model. (2500 character maximum)
 3. Describe how the nominee's work is innovative in design and/or implementation. (2500 character maximum)
Make sure to include:
 - a. How the nominee's model is distinguishable from others addressing the same need;
 - b. How the nominee is involving stakeholders others have ignored; and
 - c. How the nominee is addressing the challenge in a manner that is more equitable than what others have done.

4. Describe how the nominee's model addresses not only the symptoms, but also the root causes of the issue(s) they are working to change. Explain how the nominee's model supports short-term needs and begins to address longer-term sustainable solutions to the challenge. (2500 character maximum)
5. Describe the current and potential impact of the nominee's work. (2500 character maximum)

Make sure to include:

- a. Any quantitative and/or qualitative evidence that supports the impact of the nominee's work; and
- b. How the approach or model might be scaled or replicated in other arenas.

Additional Notes:

If chosen as a winner,

- The nominees' work and organization will be verified and validated by Grinnell College.
- *The nominees will be required to attend an on-campus award ceremony and symposium.* (Travel and food costs will be covered by Grinnell College, but the winner is responsible for obtaining and the costs to obtain the necessary travel documents, e.g., visa, passport)
- The nominees will be asked to explore additional opportunities for engagement with the Grinnell College community. (Additional engagement activities could include, but are not limited to, internships, teaching short courses, research projects, etc.)

Grinnell College reserves the right to modify the number of prizes awarded annually based on, but not limited to, the quality of nominations and financial considerations. The College also reserves the right to modify the criteria, requirements, and procedures as it deems necessary.

Please direct any questions to career@grinnell.edu or to 1-641-269-4940.

Are you nominating a single individual or two individuals jointly?

Single

Joint

First name of nominee #1:

Last name of nominee #1:

First name of nominee #2:

Last name of nominee #2:

Is the nominee'(s) social justice work connected to a primary organization?

Yes

No

If yes, list the name of the primary organization connected to nominee'(s) social justice work:

Primary organization's website:

Primary organization's address:

Primary organization's phone number:

Is the nominee'(s) social justice work connected to a secondary organization?

Yes

No

If yes, list the name of the secondary organization connected to nominee'(s) social justice work:

Secondary organization's website:

Secondary organization's address:

Secondary organization's phone number:

In which country does the majority of the nominee(s) work take place?

▼ Afghanistan ... Zimbabwe

Please provide a brief description the nominee'(s) relationship to the primary organization.
(200 characters maximum)

Please provide a brief description the nominee'(s) relationship to the secondary organization.
(200 characters maximum)

Please provide a brief summary of the nominee'(s) innovative social justice work.
(1000 character maximum)

What role has the nominee played in the design and implementation of the work described above?
(1000 character maximum)

Please upload a letter of consent from the nominee(s).

This letter must be written by the nominee(s), be in PDF format and include:

1. A statement indicating their willingness to be nominated for this prize;
2. A brief (2-3 paragraph) description of their social innovation work noting:
 - a. the social justice need they are addressing;
 - b. a brief history behind their interest and involvement with this need;
 - c. what they feel is innovative in how they are addressing the need;
 - d. what their role has been in addressing the need;
 - e. the ways in which they are addressing systemic issues related to the need; and
 - f. the current and planned impact of their work.

NOTE: Once you upload your file you will not be able to delete or change the file.

Statement of Understanding

- I understand that the information in the essays below must be self-contained and that hyperlinks and references to other information found outside of the essay will not be considered in the review process.
- I understand that answers to each essay question must be no longer than the maximum character count noted below each question and that spaces and returns count as characters.
- I understand that I will not be able to make changes to the essay after submitting my nomination.
- My nomination essay is in English. I understand that essays submitted in another language will not be reviewed.

I understand

Nomination Essays: Please answer the questions below carefully and succinctly. Your answers to these questions will be instrumental in our nomination review processes. Fact checking with your nominee(s) is strongly encouraged.

1. Describe the social justice need that the nominee(s) is/are addressing.

Maximum 2500 characters. Please use "returns" for paragraph breaks. (Tabs will be lost)

Make sure to include:

- The general challenge the nominee is working to change;
 - The systemic issues and/or root causes related to the challenge; and
 - The particular geographic or cultural conditions the nominee must consider in their change-making work.
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2. Describe the model the nominee is using to address the social justice issue described in Question 1.

Maximum 2500 characters. Please use "returns" for paragraph breaks. (Tabs will be lost)

In addition to your description, you may share a link to a website that has a visual representation or infographic of the nominee's model.

3. Describe how the nominee's work is innovative in design and/or implementation.

Maximum 2500 characters. Please use "returns" for paragraph breaks. (Tabs will be lost)

Make sure to include:

- How the nominee's model is distinguishable from others addressing the same need;
 - How the nominee is involving stakeholders others have ignored; and
 - How the nominee is addressing the challenge in a manner that is more equitable than what others have done.
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4. Describe how the nominee's model addresses not only the symptoms, but also the root causes of the issue(s) they are working to change.

Explain how the nominee's model supports short-term needs and begins to address longer-term sustainable solutions to the challenge.

Maximum 2500 characters. Please use "returns" for paragraph breaks. (Tabs will be lost)

5. Describe the current and potential impact of the nominee's work.

Maximum 2500 characters. Please use "returns" for paragraph breaks. (Tabs will be lost)

Make sure to include:

- a. Any quantitative and/or qualitative evidence that supports the impact of the nominee's work; and
- b. How the approach or model might be scaled or replicated in other areas.

Additional information about the nominee

Gender identity of nominee #1:

- Man
- Woman
- Non-binary, Gender Fluid, Agender, or Other
- Prefer not to disclose

Ethnicity/race of nominee #1:

In which country does nominee #1 hold citizenship?

▼ Afghanistan ... Dual Citizenship

In which countries does nominee #1 hold dual citizenship? (You may list multiple countries)

Email address of nominee #1:

Cell phone number of nominee #1: (numbers only, no dashes)

ID Gender identity of nominee #2:

- Man
- Woman
- Non-Binary, Gender Fluid, or Agender
- Prefer not to disclose

Which country does nominee #2 hold citizenship

▼ Afghanistan ... Dual Citizenship

In which countries does nominee #2 hold dual citizenship? (You may list multiple countries)

Ethnicity/race of nominee #2:

Email address of nominee #2:

Cell phone number of nominee #2: (numbers only, no dashes)

Nominator Information

Name of nominator:

Nominator's employer (if applicable):

Nominator's professional title/role (if applicable):

Nominator's relationship to the nominee(s):

Nominator's e-mail address:

Nominator's phone number: (numbers only, no dashes)

Briefly describe your professional experience in the social justice issue that is being addressed by the nominee'(s) work.

Maximum 500 characters. Please use "returns" for paragraph breaks. (Tabs will be lost)

How did you hear about nominations for this prize?

(Check all that apply)

- email
- social innovation organization
- social media
- print media
- friend/colleague
- Grinnell College connection
- Past Grinnell Prize Winner
- Other

How are you affiliated with Grinnell College?

- Alum
- Faculty
- Staff
- Student
- Parent/Family Member
- other

Class Year if Grinnell alum

Please click "Next" at the bottom right corner of this page to review a summary of your nomination responses. You will be able to click "Download PDF" to save a pdf of your nomination responses for your records.