CantoMundo, a founding member of the Poetry Coalition, is accepting applications for a paid Poetry Coalition Fellowship position. This position is 20 hours per week from September 9, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The total stipend is $20,000 plus $1,100 toward health care.

The Poetry Coalition is a national alliance of nearly thirty organizations dedicated to working together to promote the value poets bring to our culture and the important contribution poetry makes in the lives of people of all ages and backgrounds. Members are nonprofit organizations whose primary mission is to promote poets and poetry, and/or multi-genre literary organizations that serve disabled poets and poets of specific racial, ethnic, or gender identities, backgrounds, or communities. All members present poets at live events. Each year, members present programming across the country on a theme or topic of social importance. The Poetry Coalition is coordinated by the Academy of American Poets and we are grateful to the Mellon Foundation for its support of this work.

The Poetry Coalition Fellowship Program is a three-year program. The goals of this are to help:

- diversify the leadership of the nonprofit literary field by encouraging more inclusion of individuals from under-represented communities;
- develop future literary leaders regardless of educational background;
- introduce the individuals who are interested to nonprofit literary arts management, fundraising, programming, and editorial work, providing experiences that will be useful as they seek jobs and inspiring them to consider working in the literary field; and
- increase the capacity of our individual organizations by having additional assistance.

Paid fellowships will not “level the playing field.” Opportunity in our country is not equally distributed across class, ethnic, gender, and racial lines. And we alone cannot erase and undo the biases, barriers, discrimination, and prejudice that exist in our country. But we hope poetry organizations can be out front in building equity and inclusivity in literary arts organizations and spaces.
POETRY COALITION FELLOW | CANTOMUNDO
POSITION DESCRIPTION

HOST ORGANIZATION MISSION: CantoMundo is a national poetry organization that cultivates a community of Latinx poets through workshops, symposia, public readings, and publications. CantoMundo is dedicated to serving Latinx poets and poetry across regional, aesthetic, ethnic, racial, linguistic, and gendered spectrums. Our work is motivated by the understanding that Latinx voices, despite their historic silencing, have always resounded within the chorus of American poetry. CantoMundo is currently housed at the Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing at Arizona State University.

POSITION OVERVIEW: The Poetry Coalition Fellow will report to and work with the CantoMundo Program Manager to meet the needs of CantoMundo while learning the basics of non-profit programs and management. Work is in-person (Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona) and remote.

FELLOW RESPONSIBILITIES

- Committing to 20 hours per week for the entire ten-month fellowship
- Adhering to the rules and policies of CantoMundo/Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing/ASU as appropriate
- Assisting with any of the following:
  - Community outreach, including serving as an ambassador for CantoMundo in ASU and surrounding communities
  - Marketing and promotion
  - Internal and external communication, including content production for the website, social media, e-blasts, newsletters, press releases
  - Grant writing and/or fundraising
  - Programming and logistics of virtual and site-specific programs and events, primarily CantoMundo’s annual retreat
  - General administration, including maintaining databases and archives
- Attending and participating in meetings with other Poetry Coalition fellows and with CantoMundo and Piper Center leaders to foster community, professional development, and create a peer learning group
- Participate in the Poetry Coalition’s fall convening and professional development trainings
- Complete an evaluation at the end of the fellowship year
FELLOW QUALIFICATIONS

- Passion for Latino/a/x poetry and familiarity with and/or knowledge of the poetry community
- Interest in literary arts programming, administration, and management
- Demonstrated experience in the areas listed above

Note: We welcome all applicants, including those who are enrolled in or have recently graduated from MFA programs in creative writing.

TO APPLY: Please submit a cover letter, 1-2-page resume, 2 references, and a 1-page explanation of your interest in Latinx poets and poetry. Please send these as a single PDF document to this CantoMundo Dropbox. Title your document: Poetry Coalition Fellow Application_Your Last Name_Your First Initial. No calls please. Applications accepted through July 3, 2024.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for the position of Poetry Coalition Fellow without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.