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# Inaugural million-dollar fellowships support social entrepreneurs

**March 2022:** A new fellowship will see eight social entrepreneurs share over one million dollars in funding, as well as wrap-around mentoring and support for 12 months, in a program created by The Snow Foundation in celebration of their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The inaugural *Snow Entrepreneurs – fellowships for social change* were selected from applicants who are involved with early-stage initiatives looking at solving problems in new ways. The Fellowships are presented to passionate, inspiring leaders and teams who are persistent in pursuing social causes, addressing gaps in need and have potential to grow.

“The Snow Foundation has a long history of supporting up-and-coming entrepreneurs, ground-breaking social enterprises and for-purpose organisations, and then maintaining partnerships with them. These fellowships honour our own entrepreneurial beginnings and our founder Terry Snow,” Foundation CEO Georgina Byron AM said.

“These people are remarkable,” Ms Byron added. “They are all very bright and tackle social issues in new ways. Many are motivated, through their own adversity and hardship, to develop initiatives that help address the very issues they have lived with in their own lives. They know what works.”

“That’s the spirit of these new Fellowships and a focus of the Snow Foundation. We are inspired to support people who have walked the walk and are now talking the talk in very real and meaningful ways. We are also keen on backing leaders who have strong community support and have an alignment with our values of humility, social justice, collaboration, commitment, transparency and empathy.”

Each Snow Entrepreneur receives \$100-200k funding plus a mentor for 12 months, a diagnostic session to identify strengths and areas to further develop, and tailored advisory services coordinated by the Social Impact Hub.

The eight recipients of the Snow Fellowships for Social Change are:

- 1. Australian Spatial Analytics | Geoffrey Smith**  
Training and employment of people with autism in high-end data jobs
- 2. Clean Slate Clinic | Pia Clinton-Tarestad**  
Telehealth alcohol rehab program in your own home
- 3. Confit Pathways | Joe Kwon**  
Lived experience mentoring and fitness for young people in juvenile justice with a focus on reducing recidivism
- 4. Kindship | Summer Petrosius**  
Social networking and peer-support platform for parents of children with a disability
- 5. More Good Days | Neala Fulia**  
Digital program using neuroscience and psychology to manage chronic pain
- 6. Performl | Loki Ball**  
Social sector tech start-up turning data about people’s unmet support needs into meaningful answers.
- 7. Ripple | Skye Riggs**  
Meaningful careers and civic engagement for young people
- 8. The Warrior Woman Foundation | Jessica Brown**  
Mentoring for young women leaving out-of-home care



**Snow Entrepreneurs**  
fellowships for social change

The Fellows were selected through a rigorous assessment process, with sector feedback from experts in their fields and interviews by an independent panel, including:

- Fiona Higgins, Specialist Advisor, Giving – Australian Philanthropic Services and Executive Officer – Eisen Family Private Fund
- Andrew Tyndale, Chair – Payton Capital
- Craig Fitzgerald, Executive General Manager International Operations & CSR – Aspen Medical and CEO – Aspen Foundation
- Anthony Millet, Global Partner and Co-head, Antler Capital – Antler

“We are delighted that through the process, we ended up with inspiring fellows representing a whole range of issues, all with incredible initiatives that have potential to grow. I’m very proud of the group we have chosen in 2022,” Ms Byron added.

The Snow Foundation has provided over \$45 million in grants to more than 400 organisations and 400 individuals, since opening its doors in 1991.

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Fellowship recipients are available for media interviews, contact Chris Wagner 0434 378 939

The Snow Foundation - 30 years of giving

- Total giving in 30 years \$45.9 million
- 2021/22 Annual Giving Forecast \$8+ million
- 2020/21 Annual Giving Actual: \$7.3 million
- Current corpus size: \$144 million
- # Organisations supported in 30 years: 400+
- # Individuals: 420+