

SCI ARTIST-INNOVATOR FUND EXAMPLES OF COMPETITIVE PROFILES

EXAMPLES OF APPLICANT PROFILES (Also check out our 2021 grantees for more examples)



Name: Antonio

Project: Accessible modular gardening beds and sustainable garden kits.

Phase: Promotion and sales. Funds will be used to set up a website and e-commerce

Inspiration for Innovation: Before my injury, I was a furniture maker and, post-injury, gardening and a wellness outlook helped me heal. I design modular garden beds that are wheelchair accessible and can

be designed for your home and budget.



Name: Justin

Project: Publish a book and develop workshops on art and social justice.

Phase: Design and Development. Funds will be used for a graphic designer, consultant, and curriculum

development.

Inspiration for Innovation: I am an artist and poet. After attending marches and protests, it was difficult to navigate in my wheelchair, so I found ways to contribute to change using my writing and art. Workshops will offer a space for others to share and learn to make change in their own way.



Name: Keiko

Project: Start a podcast

Phase: Research and development. Purchasing equipment, conducting focus groups, and recording

sample episodes.

Inspiration for Innovation: I am an actor and paraplegic, and want to see more characters and

storytellers with disabilities represented in fictional stories.



Name: Andre

Project: Create a dance workout online series that will provide fitness alternatives for wheelchair users

and can be used by rehabilitation professionals when working with patients from home.

Phase: Production. Hire a film production team to create videos and animations.

Inspiration for Innovation: I am an Afro-Latino dancer and choreographer with SCI with a special

interest in dance and intersecting identities.



Name: Lucy

Project: Learn printmaking techniques to expand my practice as a textile artist.

Phase: Idea. Funds will be used for travel and a two-week intensive with a world-renowned printmaker

with a personal assistant.

Inspiration for Innovation: I am a wheelchair user from a young age. My family taught me printing and dying textiles that I incorporate into my clothing business. I have never had the opportunity to learn different types of printmaking and explore the accessibility of tools and machines. I'd like to incorporate what I learn and expand to paper goods to increase sales.