



2023 AECOM
HBCU SUMMER DESIGN FELLOWSHIP

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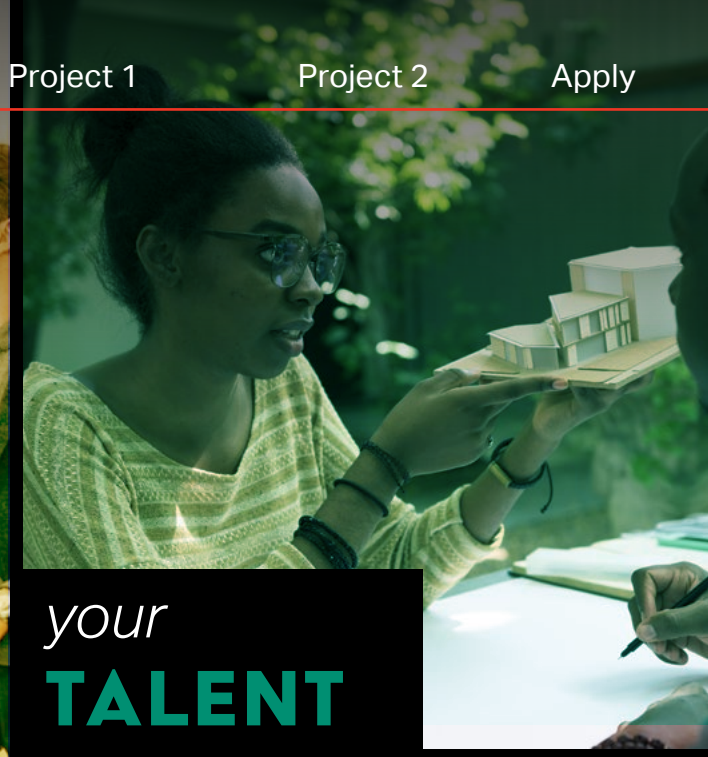
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Bring bold ideas...

REALIZE BIG DREAMS.

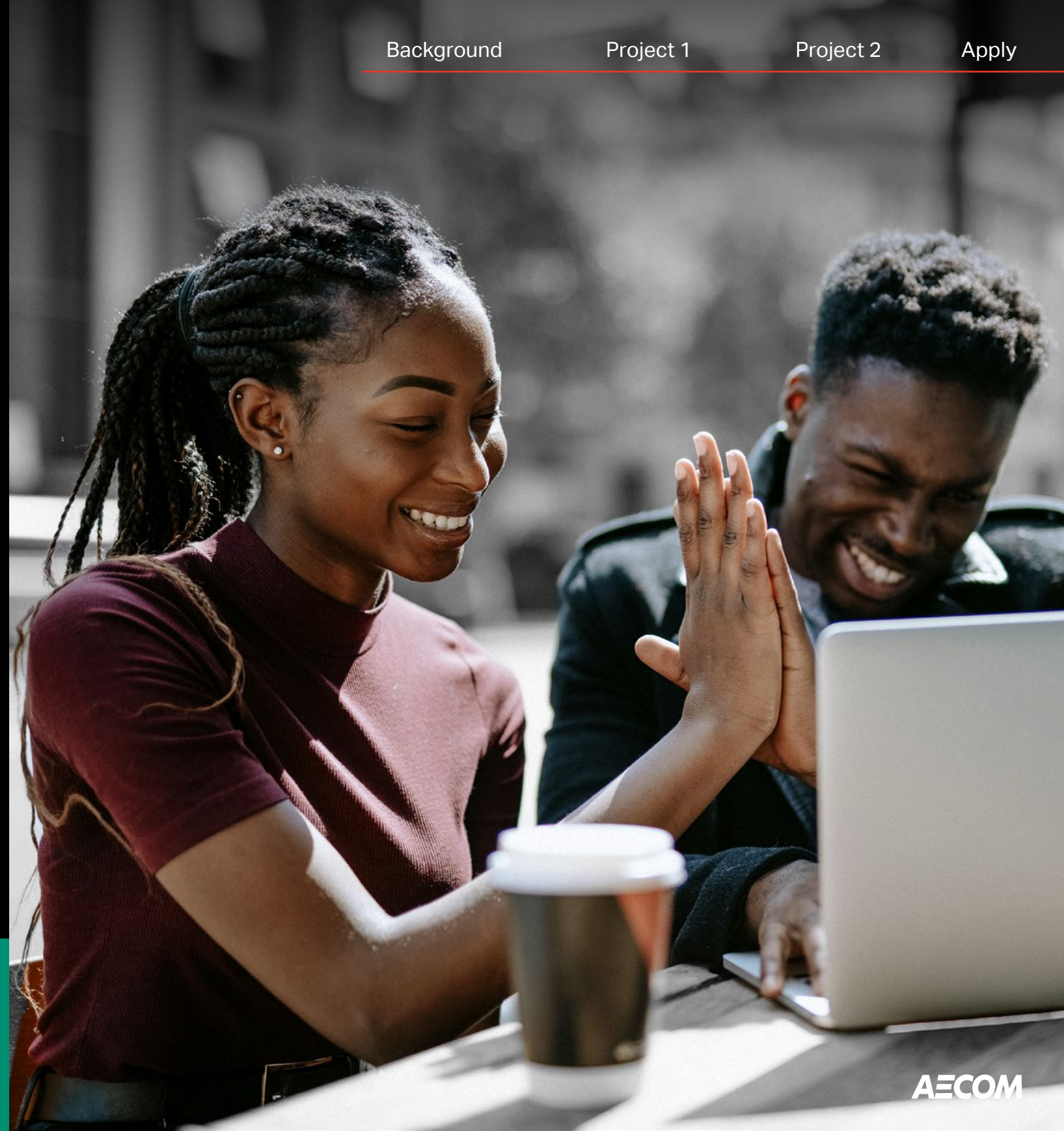
The AECOM HBCU Summer Design Fellowship is an opportunity for students and recent graduates to gain much needed experience in the setting of an architectural practice.

This is a highly competitive leadership, professional development and skill building opportunity open to current students and recent graduates of HBCUs interested in pursuing a career in architecture, urban planning and interior design.

The program is structured to allow Fellows to engage one of our community-based partner organizations in a focused effort to develop design solutions that might solve one of their pressing architectural problems.

In addition to developing design skills, Fellows can volunteer with our partner organization and engage in their fulfilling community-based work. Through this engagement our Fellows will learn the importance of our role in the urban space both in and out of the office.

This year, AECOM is honored to partner with Life Remodeled and 360 Detroit, Inc.



Work with us. **CHANGE THE WORLD.**

Help lead the change toward a sustainable and equitable future.

applicant

QUALIFICATIONS

- » Must be currently enrolled in a Bachelor's degree program in Architecture, Urban Planning, Interior Design
- » Must have completed at least three years of study
- » Must be enrolled in an accredited HBCU
- » Resume required
- » Portfolio of recent work must be submitted
- » Written statement (150-300 words):
Why I would like to be an AECOM HBCU Fellow must be submitted
- » Recommendation letter from a Professor (optional)



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Welcome to **DETROIT**



Project 1

The design challenge:

REPURPOSE + REIMAGINE

Life Remodeled has purchased Thomas M. Cooley High School located on Hubbell Ave. in Detroit, Michigan. The school dates to the late 1920s and has a Mediterranean Revival-style architecture. The school was known for having one of the most successful interscholastic athletics programs in Michigan. However, due to declining enrollment and budget constraints, the school was closed in 2010. The 12,360-square-foot auditorium and the surrounding rooms were damaged by an unexpected fire in 2017.

Life Remodeled is renovating the entire school, and they have partnered with AECOM to specifically redesign the auditorium.

This year's Fellows will have the freedom to use their imagination and creativity to transform the massive auditorium into a setting that will significantly benefit the community.





LIFE REMODELED:

Helping our community thrive

With substantial investments of cash, labor and materials, Life Remodeled focuses on the intentional and equitable revitalization of Detroit neighborhoods distinguished by their significant need and radical hope.

Life Remodeled started in 2010 with a handful of radically passionate friends who didn't have the experience, money or even the social capital necessary to achieve their seemingly impossible goals for their first project. However, within one year of the conception of the idea, their seemingly insane ambition to "always find a way" rapidly magnetized 500 other like-minded individuals, most whom they'd never previously met, and they achieved every facet of their original vision in only 12 months.

OUR WHY

As a result of our country's deep and dark history of systemic racism, many Black families in Detroit are still not experiencing equitable access to opportunities to thrive in the areas of education, economic prosperity and health & wellness. Talent is evenly distributed all over the world . . . but opportunity is not!

OUR RESPONSE

We repurpose vacant school buildings into one-stop hubs of opportunity for entire families to thrive.

Find more information on Life-Remodeled here:

<https://liferemodeled.org/>

Our Fellows + Life Remodeled

IN THE COMMUNITY

Life Remodeled would like to engage the Fellows in the following volunteer efforts one day per week to immerse the Fellows in the Detroit communities that Life Remodeled serves.

Durfee Innovation Society

Our DIS tenants provide educational assistance to more than 2,500 Detroit youth and children annually. Being located next to Durfee Elementary-Middle School and Central High School, our goal is to help both become the most improved DPSCD schools by 2025.

Life Remodeled Weekly Volunteer

Fellows will engage with the community by volunteering weekly to beautify and restore areas starting from clearing blight from vacant properties to rebuilding schools.



Project 2

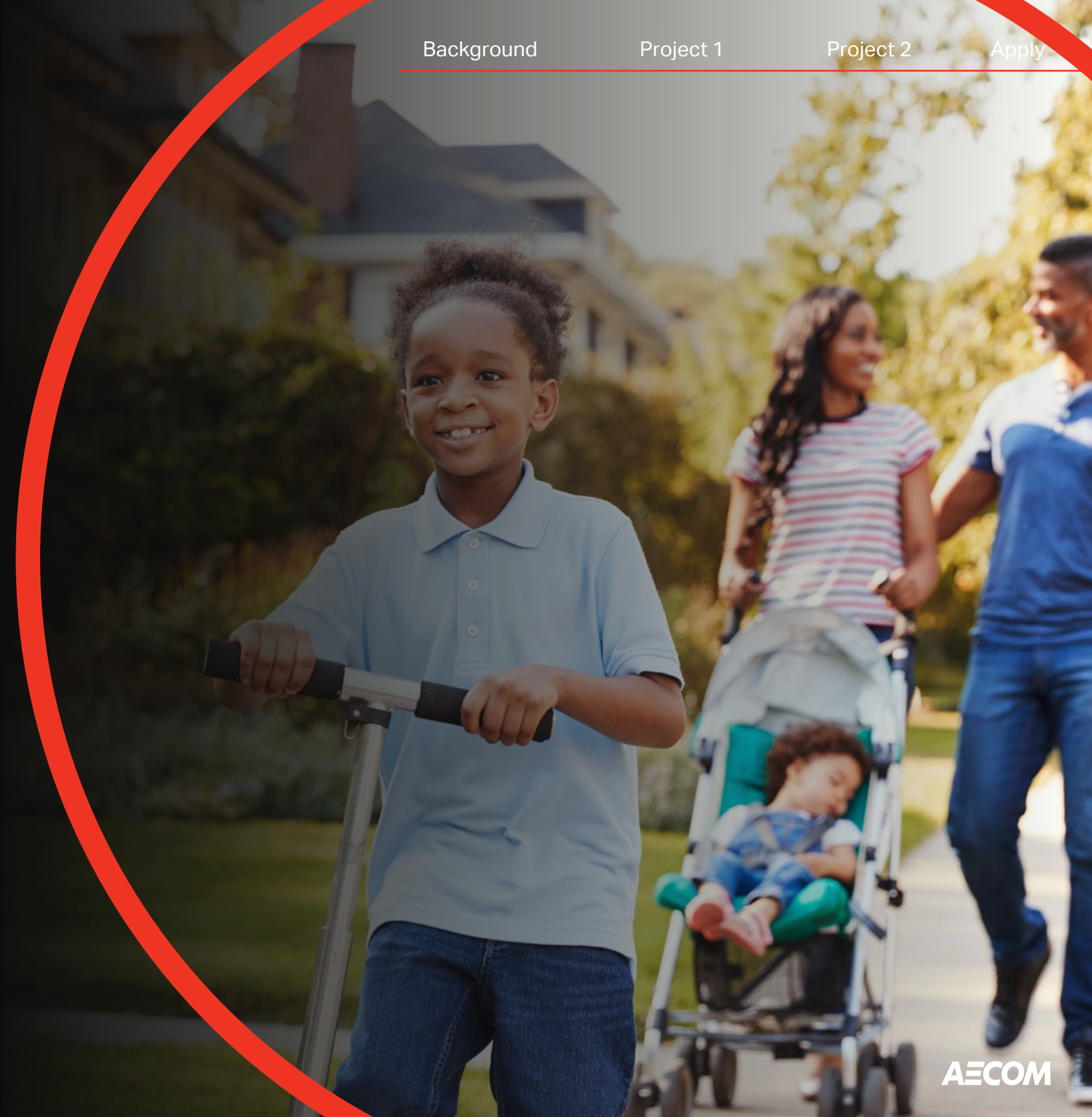
The design challenge:

REPURPOSE + RESTORE

360 Detroit, Inc. has purchased four blocks in the Virginia Park neighborhood in Detroit, Michigan. This community was established over 120 years ago and was once an upper-middle-class enclave. After years of economic distress of the community, the resulting decline and disrepair became evident through long-abandoned homes which strained the hope of long-time residents and those who love the Virginia Park Community. As a result, 360 Detroit, Inc. is reviving the area with amenities for both children and adults.

360 Detroit, Inc. is partnering with AECOM to add an additional Art House and design a community-engaging amenity in the empty lots.

This year's Fellows will have the freedom to use their imagination and creativity to design a facility for community engagement and exercise documentation and revitalizing the existing space.



360 DETROIT, INC.: Empowering and improving our community

In the Spring of 2014, 360 Detroit, Inc. began with an idea that the community needs to look and be better. We began by boarding up vacant properties and cutting grass in the Virginia Park Community. This community, which is in District 5 in the city of Detroit, was established over 120 years ago and was once an upper middle-class enclave. After years of economic distress of the community, the resulting decline and disrepair became evident through long-abandoned homes which strained the hope of long-time residents and those who love the Virginia Park Community. It was this realization that catalyzed the birth of 360 Detroit, Inc.

360 Detroit, Inc. provides services that empower and improve the quality of life for individuals and families. The organization is dedicated to assisting people in becoming self-sufficient, anchored, stabilized and well-rounded members of society.

The challenge was to find within our own neighborhood the solution to create safe, vibrant neighborhoods driven by a strong sense of community inclusion, connectedness and hope.

Find more information on 360 Detroit, Inc. here: <https://360detroitinc.org/>



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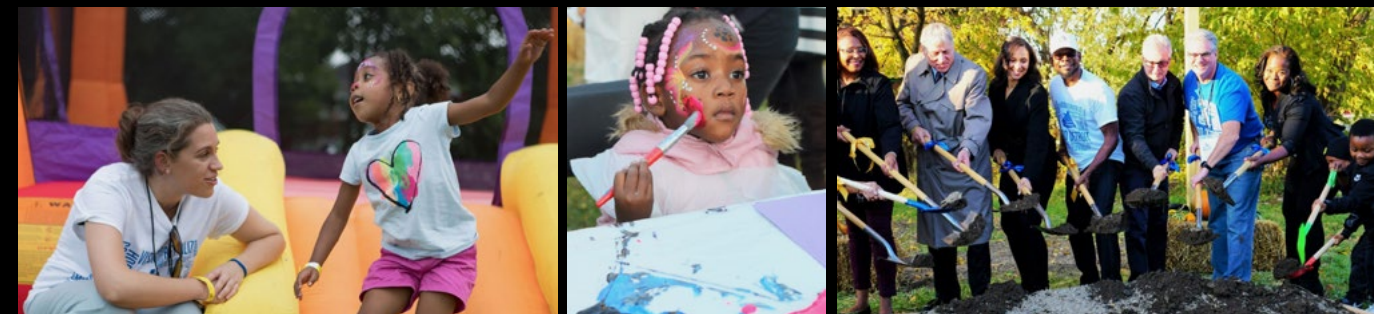
360 Detroit, Inc. would like to engage the Fellows in the following volunteer efforts one day per week to immerse the Fellows in the Detroit communities that 360 Detroit, Inc. serves.

Community Cleanup

A tier of our neighborhood beautification projects, at least annually, volunteers are engaged to clean and provide maintenance of vacant properties, alleys and surrounding areas.

Art House

360 Art House is a space that is dedicated to the development and expression of creativity for individuals of all ages. Located within walking distance of 360 Park amidst the Virginia Park neighborhood, The Art House was created for residents in response to their desire for community gathering space.



The design process:

FOUR ELEMENTS OF ENGAGEMENT

The challenge will follow the typical structure of a client engagement during the preliminary design phase of the project, culminating in a final Concept Design Package that the client might use to further their vision. Fellows will work in a collaborative team of four. There are four main elements of the engagement, of which the Fellows will lead with the support of the experienced AECOM design team, as illustrated below.



Visioning

Alongside AECOM, Fellows will lead and participate in several workshops and charrettes with Life Remodeled & 360 Detroit, Inc. stakeholders to determine the need. During this phase we will define the goals of the project and a design approach appropriate for the neighborhood.



Programming

Fellows will work with AECOM to synthesize intel gathered during the visioning phase, which will inform iterations of a formal space program. Fellows will work with Life Remodeled & 360 Detroit, Inc. to refine and finalize the space program.



Planning

Under the direction of AECOM Design Leadership, Fellows will develop planning iterations in alignment with the finalized space program. This will include site planning and interior space planning for the Life Remodeled project and site planning and documenting for the 360 Detroit, Inc. project. Fellows will work with Life Remodeled & 360 Detroit, Inc. to refine and finalize the space and interior plan.



Concept Design

Under the direction of AECOM Design Leadership, Fellows will redefine the design direction for the projects. Fellows will define the presence of the space in the building, identify opportunities and use case. Deliverables will take the form of physical models, renderings and diagrams.

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the outcome

Final Presentations to AECOM Fellowship Committee, AECOM National Design Leadership and Local Community Stakeholders conclude the program.



Fellowship details



Dates of the Fellowship

Applications open: Dec. 2, 2022

Applications close: Jan. 16, 2023, 11:59 PM

Virtual interviews: Jan. 16-27, 2023

Selection of Fellows and notification:
First week of February 2023

The Fellowship will span approximately 8 weeks

Fellowship begins: TBD

Fellowship ends: TBD

Location

This is a physical attendance Fellowship based in Detroit (not virtual). Fellows are expected to be in Detroit for the duration of the Fellowship.

Stipend

Each Fellow will receive a stipend at a rate comparative to the market. In addition, travel expenses to and from Detroit will be covered.

Number of Fellows

This program is open to up to four Fellows.

AECOM Fellowship Committee

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