

**John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**  
**Director of Communications**

**About MacArthur Foundation**

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation supports creative people, effective institutions, and influential networks building a more just, verdant, and peaceful world. In addition to the MacArthur Fellows Program and the global 100&Change competition, the Foundation continues its historic commitments to the role of journalism in a responsive democracy as well as the vitality of our headquarters city, Chicago.

**Communications at MacArthur**

The Communications team at MacArthur Foundation has a unique vantage point across the organization; it partners with the program teams and collaborates with colleagues across the Foundation to create and implement strategic communications plans that enhance and amplify the impact of MacArthur's work and the work of its grantees. The team is responsible for the Foundation's efforts to communicate with the press, public, and policymakers, including media relations, web and social media efforts, printed materials, and events. It also provides communications support and advice to MacArthur's leadership, staff, and grantees.

**The Position**

The Director of Communications is a new role that will serve as a key team and organizational leader. The role offers the opportunity to stimulate and expand the creative and innovative communications capacity of one of the country's most influential and impactful private foundations. Reporting to the Vice President of Communications, Fellows, and Partnerships, the Director will directly manage the Communications Officers and play a supporting role in managing the full team and its work. Additionally, the Director of Communications will serve as a proxy for the Vice President of Communications, Fellows and Partnerships as needed, supporting executive office communications, advising across wide ranging and evolving issue areas, initiating special projects, and collaborating on new program development. This position will also serve as lead communications strategist and practitioner supporting the signature awards programs, [Fellows](#) and [100&Change](#).

**Key Responsibilities**

- Support and lead the communications team in partnership with Vice President, including managing Communications Officers, editing and reviewing all content, and cultivating a positive team culture.
- Serve as lead communications strategist and partner to the Fellows and 100&Change program teams.
- Represent the Communications team on internal work groups and ensure colleagues understand the services and support functions of the Communications team
- Provide communications support to the foundation as needed, including guidance for public interviews and statements, responding to media inquiries, manage external consulting firms, and stepping in as proxy for the Vice President of Communications, Fellows, and Partnerships.

**Preferred Qualifications**

- At least twenty years of full-time experience working in strategic communications
- A track record of success in developing and executing comprehensive communications strategies, preferably in complex, intellectually charged work environments
- Work in or with the nonprofit sector and an understanding of the sector's role in social change
- Skilled responsiveness to challenging media inquiries and proactively securing coverage
- Significant experience writing and speaking about social challenges and public issues in a style that respects their depth and complexity and is accessible to a well-educated general audience

This position is based in Chicago, Illinois and the salary range for the role is \$180,000 – \$220,000. To learn more about the role and apply, please visit the [position profile on GoodCitizen's website](#).