

# OPEN MASTER'S FELLOWSHIP

**"YOU CAN FAIL AT WHAT YOU DON'T WANT, SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL TAKE A CHANCE ON DOING WHAT YOU LOVE."  
- JIM CARREY**



## ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The Open Master's Fellowship is a self-designed experiential learning journey rooted by a theme or question the Fellow has chosen in order to deepen their self-awareness, build community, develop mastery in a particular area, and make a positive impact.

Fellows are expected to dedicate themselves to their Fellowship full-time throughout the duration of the Fellowship, to design their own learning experiences, to document and share their learnings with others; and to actively serve the broader world through their projects, apprenticeships, scholarly study, service, and other creative learning experiences.

Each Fellow is also expected to embody and uphold the values of the Open Master's: to be self-directed and socially-engaged in their learning process, to be creative and courageous in pursuit of ambitious long-term goals, and, most importantly, to be generous and build positive relationships with others.

A Fellowship may be a part of or could represent the entirety of a self-designed masters created by a member of Open Master's community. It is not for everyone; but, for many, it will represent a significant inflection point in their education and their life, one in which the Fellow chooses to take a big risk in order to advance boldly toward their dreams.

## OPEN MASTER'S FELLOW - JEROME "AXLE" BROWN

Axle's Fellowship will mainly consist of three paid User Experience (UX) Design apprenticeships in Southeast Asia in which he will complete specific, practical projects. The apprenticeships will allow him to learn more deeply alongside accomplished practitioners and at the same time offer his skillset to communities and organizations he wishes to serve.

Throughout his apprenticeships, he will be searching for answers to his central question:

**"HOW MIGHT WE START TO SEE AND USE DESIGN AS A TOOL TO GENERATE HAPPINESS AND REDUCE SUFFERING IN THE WORLD, NOT JUST MAKE THINGS BEAUTIFUL AND EASY TO USE?"**

And will be seeking to live in alignment with his mission:

**"TO REALIZE HIS FULL POTENTIAL AND HELP OTHERS DO THE SAME, BY FACILITATING CONNECTION, LEARNING, AND ACTION THAT LEADS TO IMPACT."**

Axle has spent the last two years designing his own education as a Founding Member of the Open Master's. Now, his Fellowship brings together the different themes and skills of that education, and challenges him to apply, test, and refine what he has learned.

Throughout his journey, he will be supported by a coach, design partners, user experience mentors, the broader Open Master's community, and many other supporters.

His journey will be chronicled and used as a catalyst for expanding the plans and dreams of what is possible for others in the Open Master's community and beyond.

