

# JENNA NICHOLAS

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## Impact Experience

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2018 Climate Fellow



### BIG BOLD IDEA

**Drive environmental and social regeneration in marginalized communities by building strategic, lasting relationships among funders and local climate leaders.**

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Impact Experience catalyzes investors, philanthropists, entrepreneurs, and community leaders to build strategic partnerships and develop solutions to pressing social and environmental challenges in marginalized communities throughout the United States and abroad. Impact Experience works toward a four-step process: studying a community's needs with the help of local partners; bringing investors and local partners together to identify challenges and opportunities; building trust and developing actionable commitments; and following commitments through to completion. The end goal is to drive environmental and social regeneration in marginalized communities toward a more equitable and inclusive society.

## PERSONAL BIO

Jenna Nicholas is CEO of Impact Experience. Jenna previously worked with Calvert Funds, after which she set up her own consultancy, Phoenix Global Impact. She was a project manager at Divest-Invest Philanthropy, a coalition of over 170 foundations representing over \$10 billion in assets under management, divesting from fossil fuels and reinvesting in new economy solutions. Jenna graduated from Stanford University with an international relations honors degree and also received an MBA from Stanford's Graduate School of Business. She is a PD Soros Fellow and recipient of the Stanford Social Innovation Fellowship. Jenna has received extensive press coverage, including in the Financial Times, on PBS television, and in the Stanford Social Innovation Review. She regularly speaks at conferences and universities, and gave a TEDx Talk in Portland. She is an active member of the Baha'i Faith, which is the source of her inspiration.

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### Organization/Fellow Location

Oakland, United States

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### Impact Location

North America

United States

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### Organization Structure

Hybrid

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