The 1945 Fellowship

America was never greater than when it gathered the world's most brilliant minds and out-invented tyranny. We did it before. Let's do it again — on purpose, and to last.

> *Right now, a friend of ours — call him D. — is running out that clock. He just earned a graduate degree from one of America's top programs, and he wants nothing more than to build his life and his work here. In 90 days, unless the machinery moves, the country that spent years training him will force him out — and hand everything he would have built to someone else. He is not the exception. He is the rule this fellowship exists to change.*

The precedent: America was greatest when it did exactly this

In the 1930s and '40s, America made a deliberate choice. As tyranny drove the world's most exceptional minds out of Europe, we took them in — and it made us the most powerful nation in history. **Enrico Fermi fled fascist Italy; Einstein, Bethe, and Franck fled Nazi Germany; Szilárd, Teller, and von Neumann came from Hungary. Einstein's 1939 letter to President Roosevelt launched the Manhattan Project — and refugees who had just reached our shores built the weapon that ended the war.** The Institute for Advanced Study was, by design, a refuge for the greatest scholars alive. The scientific supremacy that talent created launched the atomic age and set American research decades ahead of the world. In July 1945, Vannevar Bush handed the President the blueprint for a century of American leadership and titled it "Science, The Endless Frontier."

This was not open borders. It was the opposite — a deliberate, selective national strategy of pulling the best people on earth onto America's team. **Your grandparents did this. It won the war, won the space race, and built the American century.**

What we forgot

Those programs were extraordinary — and temporary. They ended or were diluted, and today the machinery runs in reverse: we recruit the world's best into our universities, then expel them on a 90-day clock and hand the very talent that once made us supreme to our rivals. **We stopped doing the one thing that made us great.**

The 1945 Fellowship: reviving the playbook, permanently

A Manhattan Project for talent — a fiercely selective, merit-only fellowship that gives each Fellow four things at once:

- Room, board, and a stipend — so proven genius keeps building here instead of leaving.
- Proactive, end-to-end management of every visa condition — the clock is our job, not theirs.
- Alignment with America's leading experts, founders, and labs who vouch for and multiply their work.
- A pipeline into the missions defining the American future — AI, defense, energy, and biotech.

This is merit-based immigration in its purest form: no lottery, no border — only the handful who already qualify under the categories Congress itself named "extraordinary ability" (O-1, EB-1A) and "national interest" (EB-2 NIW). And the fellowship itself — selection, world-class mentors, a public platform — is precisely the

evidence those categories require, so it doesn't just buy time against the clock; it wins the permanent green card. We keep American genius using the tools America already built for it.

Structure & sustainability

A hybrid model: a mission-driven fellowship at the core, subsidized by an earned-revenue arm — fee-for-service visa concierge for companies retaining their own exceptional talent, success-based placement, and an alumni give-back pledge that compounds as Fellows become founders. The legal spine is deliberate: the entity is built to qualify as a cap-exempt sponsor and O-1 agent, timed to the post-graduation grace window, so support never outruns work authorization.

Why now / the ask

We did this once under far greater pressure — with the world on fire — and it made us the greatest nation on earth. The difference this time is that we do it on purpose, and we build it to last. We are raising a founding pool to run a first cohort and prove the flywheel end to end, from 90-day cliff to green card. **Every genius we keep is a compounding national asset — and one fewer weapon for our rivals. Let's build the machine that keeps America first, the way America once did best.**
