Civil Society Leadership Awards
2020–2021

Open Society scholarship Programs

Application Deadline: May 15, 2019

A: Personal Information

Write your name exactly as it is written on your passport or national ID. Please write neatly and accurately.

1. Family Name:       Given Name:       Middle Name:
2. Gender:
3. Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):
4. Primary Email:
5. Alternative Email:
6. Phone (including country code):
7. Current Mailing Address:
8. City/Region:       Post Code:       Country:
9. Place of Birth (city / country):
10. Country of Citizenship:
11. Country of Current Residence:

Are you currently residing outside your home country? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If so, for how long?

Please briefly describe the circumstances leading to this situation

1. Do you hold dual citizenship? Yes [ ]  No [ ]
2. If yes, please list all additional countries you hold citizenship for:
3. Have you applied for CSLA in the past? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

B: Educational Background:

Please indicate the last/highest academic degree completed and the date the degree was awarded. List only the most recent degree (you may expand on your educational background in your resume/CV).

| University | Country | Dates | Degree obtained or expected | Main subject |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| From (m/y) | To (m/y) |
|       |       |       |       |       |       |

C: Current place of employment:

Please indicate below your current place of work (if any).

| Name of Organization | Position | Location: City | Location: Country | Date started |
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Are you currently a government employee? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, of what country?

Have you been a government employee in the last five (5) years? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, of what country?

D: Academic Interests and Intentions

**Note:** While all program preferences are considered for those ultimately offered an award, all final placement decisions rest with CSLA staff. Finalists are matched to available graduate degree programs according to their chosen area of specialization, their academic profile, and their professional aspirations. Please refer to [Host University Guide](https://osf.box.com/shared/static/mr2ep8gqnwwv2ata0onm0kfbnoaj4339.docx) when completing this section.

Preferred language of academic instruction:English [ ]  French [ ]  German [ ]

Preferred General Area of Study (select only one)

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| [ ]  Communications, Journalism & Media[ ]  Culture, History & Society[ ]  Development Studies[ ]  Economics[ ]  Education Management & Leadership[ ]  Environment & Natural Resource Management[ ]  Gender Studies | [ ]  Human Rights[ ]  Law (including Human Rights law)[ ]  Politics & International Studies[ ]  Public Health Policy & Health Management[ ]  Public Administration [ ]  Public Policy[ ]  Social Work[ ]  Social Policy |

E: Essays

Please answer each of the following three questions in at least 400 words, but no more than 600 words.

Note: The selection committee places a great deal of importance on the essay questions. Do not copy language from other sources without proper citation: plagiarism will result in the automatic disqualification of your application and you will be removed from the competition.

Theme: Past experience and future goals

Describe any professional, academic, teaching, or volunteer experience related to your chosen field of study that has prepared you for this opportunity. What are your career goals, and how will you help advance positive social change?

Theme: Identifying a specific problem and linking it to your chosen field of study

What existing policy or societal problem in your home country or region do you hope personally to address by further study at the Master’s level? Briefly describe existing efforts employed by others (government/NGOs/universities/activists) that try to address this problem, and tell us how your study will help you tackle this problem more effectively.

Theme: Personal character and initiative

Please provide an example of a situation where you initiated a significant change or where you took a risk and accomplished something you are proud of. What resources (professional or personal networks, academic or policy research, personal intuition) did you use in making decisions and taking action? What did you learn from the result?

F: Supporting Documents

Please complete the document checklist below.

Before submitting your application, you should carefully and thoroughly read [How to Apply](https://osf.box.com/s/ebqien7s5mhz34wgd1ax4l78tk0bl4wi) for details on each type supporting document. Any document not in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

[ ]  CV/Resume in English (no more than three pages);

[ ]  Photocopy of the page in your passport/national ID displaying your photo, name, and citizenship. Include this document for all passports/national IDs you hold.

[ ]  Transcripts/Grade reports (list of courses taken and grades received for the most recent academic degree earned). You may submit unofficial/provisional transcripts with your application; official transcripts will be required by October 1, 2019 for those candidates selected for interviews.

[ ]  Language Test Certificates: please include official certificates from any language test you have previously taken

**Please Note**: Applicants who successfully pass to Semi Finalist status will need to secure two (2) letters of reference by **October 1, 2019** from academic or professional recommenders. Securing references can be time consuming, so we suggest that you request references now. Further details can be found in the [FAQs](https://osf.box.com/s/px4e9aus9paw2jfv3e0a29zhy9dlwg79) and [How to Apply](https://osf.box.com/s/ebqien7s5mhz34wgd1ax4l78tk0bl4wi).

G: Program Data Collection (optional)

Please note that this information will not influence review of your application; it is strictly for internal data assessment purposes.

1. **Ethnicity:**
2. **Do you consider yourself currently to be a refugee, a displaced person or a forced migrant?** Yes [ ]  No [ ]
3. **Do you identify as a person with a disability?**  Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Please identify any disability-related accommodations you require to enable you to participate fully in an academic program. This information will have no bearing on the success of your application but helps with program planning and forecasting.

[ ]  Physically accessible facilities/wheelchair access

[ ]  Sign language interpretation

 Type:

[ ]  Materials in Braille

[ ]  Screen reading software

[ ]  Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART)

[ ]  Personal Assistant (please describe in detail below)

[ ]  Other. Please describe your needs:

1. **How did you learn about the CSLA Program?**

[ ]  Advising Center

[ ]  Friend

[ ]  Newspaper/Journal

[ ]  Listserv:

[ ]  Website:

[ ]  Social media:

[ ]  Your university

[ ]  Your workplace

[ ]  Other:

H: Privacy Statement (Required)

1. **How we use your personal data**

Open Society Foundation London and Open Society Foundations (Open Society Institute, New York and other office and foundations ((details of which can be found at <https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/about/offices-foundations>), will use your personal data to process this application and, if successful, to arrange your receipt of a Civil Society Leadership Award, monitor your grant, contact you about the progress and status of your grant and, (where applicable) administer your attendance at our grantees’ annual conference. We would also like to stay in touch with you as part of our alumni network (see below).

As part of the process of dealing with your application and administering your grant if successful, your personal data will if necessary be transferred to the USA and countries outside of the European Economic Area where there may be a lower standard of protection for personal data.  We will also pass data to the Educational Advising Centre and national or regional Open Society Foundation that is local to your home country or region as well as staff, consultants and suppliers who are performing services on our behalf for the purposes outlined above.

The legal basis on which we process your data is either you have provided consent, it is necessary for us to comply with a legal obligation or to perform our responsibilities under an agreement with you, or there is a legitimate interest in us doing so. Our legitimate interests include administering the Civil Society Leadership Award program.

From time to time, we publish the names of grant recipients, the purpose of the grants we award and the grant amount.

We will keep your data secure and retain it for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which it is processed. OSF is currently reviewing its information retention periods and will publish them shortly.

1. **How we and our partners would like to stay in touch with you**

We and the Educational Advising Centre and national or regional Open Society Foundation that is local to your home country or region would like to keep you updated about our and their work, programs and events and to ask you for feedback.

Are you happy to be contacted via email? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

1. **How you can change your preferences**

For more information about the way in which we process personal data, to request access to and rectification or erasure of your data, or to object to processing or withdraw your consent where applicable contact us at csla@infoscholar.org or see our Privacy Policy at <https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/about/policies/privacy>.

You can opt-out or update your communication preferences at any time by contacting us at csla@infoscholar.org.

If you are unhappy with the way in which we have handled your personal data please contact us using the details above. If your application is assessed and grant is administered by Open Society Foundation London, you are also entitled to make a complaint to the United Kingdom Information Commissioner’s Office.

1. **Your agreement**

[ ]  I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate.

**Full Name:** **Date:**

Submit by May 15, 2019

Submission Instructions:

Candidates are encouraged to [apply online](https://myapplications.force.com/fcgrantee/FGM_Portal__CommunitySignin?retUrl=/apex/FGM_Portal__CommunityApplication?id=7010V000002FYoD&quizid=a0L0V00000Rl7Vs). Paper applications may be submitted by email to submissions@infoscholar.org. Mailed applications must be postmarked by **May 15, 2019** and can be sent to either the New York or London address listed below.

Scholarship Programs
224 West 57th Street
New York, NY
10019, USA

Scholarship Programs
Millbank Tower, 7th Floor
21-24 Millbank, London
SW1P 4QP, UK

Late applications will automatically be disqualified.