

## Open Society Foundations

The Open Society Foundations work to build vibrant and tolerant societies whose governments are accountable and open to the participation of all people. It seeks to strengthen the rule of law; respect for human rights, minorities, and a diversity of opinions; democratically elected governments; and a civil society that helps keep government power in check. The Foundations help to shape public policies that assure greater fairness in political, legal, and economic systems and safeguard fundamental rights. It implements initiatives to advance justice, education, public health, and independent media. It builds alliances across borders and continents on issues such as corruption and freedom of information.

Working in every part of the world, the Open Society Foundations place a high priority on protecting and improving the lives of people in marginalized communities.

## To Apply

Online applications available at:  
<http://ncpl.law.nyu.edu/>

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## Open Society Presidential Fellowship

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## What is the Fellowship?

The Open Society Presidential Fellowship is awarded yearly to recent JD, MPA, MPP, and MBA graduates from accredited US law, public policy, and business schools. Based in New York City, Fellows pursue work related to human rights, good governance, and justice through a one-year residence within the Office of the President at the Open Society Foundations. Fellows will work with staff, grantees, and other Fellows on special initiatives that address the legal, business, policy, and organizational issues confronted by the Foundations' various programs and projects. They will gain exposure and connections to the Open Society Foundations' leadership and partner organizations, and cultivate knowledge about open society strategies.

Through the Presidential Fellowship, recent law, business, or policy school graduates will work on an unusually wide variety of external and institutional issues encountered by the Foundations and the nonprofit organizations that it funds. It will also provide an opportunity to identify an emerging or changing area of legal, public, or economic policy or practice and to explore that area in depth, examining it within the real life context of a complex, sophisticated global philanthropy. The mix of work is approximately two-thirds assignments and projects chosen by the President of the Open Society Foundations, and one-third work on an issue the Fellow chooses to explore in depth with the approval of the President.

## Selection Process

The selection process consists of a written application and interviews. The timetable is as follows:

**Application Deadline**  
**Monday, December 4, 2017**

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**Finalists Selected**  
**January 2018**

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**Interviews Conducted**  
**January 2018**

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**Fellow Commences Work**  
**September 2018**

## Who can be a Fellow?

The Open Society Presidential Fellowship will be awarded to three (3) students graduating in 2018 from an accredited U.S. law, public policy, and business school. Fellows are selected for their scholarship, leadership, and commitment to the fields of nonprofit management, human rights, good governance, and justice.

Fellows will be chosen through a selection process facilitated by NYU School of Law, and the NYU Stern School of Business, and will be identified without regard to the applicant's race, color, religion, gender, political beliefs, national origin, disability, age or sexual orientation.

## Term and Salary

The term of the Open Society Presidential Fellowship is 11 months. The 2018 Fellowship will commence in September 2018 with the term ending in July 2019. Fellows will receive a salary of \$65,000 plus benefits.

The fellowship is a unique opportunity to work at a high level within OSF for 11 months. Upon completion of the fellowship, there is a one-year hiatus on rehire or consultancy contracts with OSF. Equipped with insight into leadership, fellows are encouraged to step beyond OSF to support civil society organizations and individuals at national, regional or international levels advancing rights, justice, and good governance.

## National Center on Philanthropy and the Law

The National Center on Philanthropy and the Law was established at New York University School of Law in 1988 to explore a broad range of legal issues affecting the nation's nonprofit sector, the largest voluntary sector in the world. Participating in this program are legal scholars, practicing attorneys, judges, law students, executives, and other professionals engaged in this field.

The Center promotes free intellectual inquiry that concentrates on the legal aspects of the organization and operation of charitable and social welfare entities. Conferences, research projects, a growing library, and the creation of a bibliography on nonprofit law, as well as law school courses, all are being used by the Center to produce and disseminate scholarship and to educate the legal and charitable communities about the many important issues of law affecting this large and vital sector.