**PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

***Applicant Information***

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| Most Recent Government Title: |  |
| Most Recent Government Office: |  |
| Most Recent Level of Government Office (local, tribal, county, state, federal, etc.): |  |
| Number of Years of Government Service: |  |
| Are you currently a government employee? |  |
| When was or is your anticipated last day of employment in this position? |  |

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***Project Summary***

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| Project Title |
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| Please provide a one sentence description of your project: |
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| Please provide a brief summary of proposed project (3 to 4 sentences): |
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| Are you presently receiving or requesting, or have you previously received or requested, other funding for the proposed project? |
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| If yes, from whom and what amount? |
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***Additional Details***

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| Have you ever received an individual grant, scholarship, or fellowship from Open Society Foundations? If so, when? |
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| How did you learn about the fellowship? |
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**PROPOSAL NARRATIVE**

Your proposal will consist of responses to the ten questions below. Please write your answers in the associated text box. Each question has a word limit, which is the maximum amount of text needed to answer the question fully.

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| Question 1 - Reflection on Government Service and Fellowship Opportunity (600 Words)How do you hope to use this fellowship to reflect on your time in government service? What insights, skills, and lessons from your time in government can you offer advocates, policymakers, and social movements? Please also provide information about why the fellowship is the right next step for you, what parts of your career do you hope to further invest in and explore? |
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| Question 2 - Project Explanation (800 Words)What is your proposed project? Provide a clear, detailed, and focused explanation of the project. Your answers should include the following: project goals and objectives, why it is needed at this time, a description of the people or communities affected by the issue, the final outcome or work product, and the audience or constituencies you hope to reach through this work. Explain how the project is expected to advance an issue (or set of issues) related to the Open Society Foundations and Open Society—U.S.’s goals or priorities and how will it inform public discourse and understanding on the chosen issue. |
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|  Question 3 – Reflection on Inclusive, Multi-racial Democracy (250 Words) In thinking about the notion of "an inclusive, multi-racial democracy," please explain how you believe your  project is responsive to the tumultuous moment we are in (politically, socially, ecologically) and how your  project advances the vision of democracy that you see. In your response, please also explain the principle, ideals, or frameworks that ground or otherwise animate and guide your work and vision. |
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| Question 4 - Project Activities and Timeline (400 Words) Please provide a succinct explanation of your major project activities and include a corresponding quarterly timeline. |
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| Question 5 – Project Impact (400 Words)What impact do you hope your project will have over the course of your fellowship and beyond? How will you measure your impact? (We are not asking for a comprehensive evaluation plan; we want to see the thought you have given to how you will know if your fellowship is successful.) |
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| Question 6 – Meeting the Current Moment in the U.S. (400 Words)We are living in what feel to many like unprecedented times, where toxic narratives, erosion of democratic norms, racialized anxiety, economic insecurity, and an ongoing health pandemic have reinforced divisions and the systems that perpetuate inequities? How does your project address the unprecedented challenges and opportunities facing our country? |
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| Question 7 – People, Organizations, and Networks (250 Words)Who are the people and/or organizations in your network that will be important for informing your fellowship, and why? What people and organizations, or types of people and organizations, do you not yet know but hope to connect with in carrying out your project? |
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| Question 8 - Time Commitment (150 Words)What is the proposed percentage of time (60 to 80 percent) of a 40-hour work week that you will devote to the project? Do you anticipate devoting 12 or 18 months to the fellowship? Describe any non-fellowship work responsibilities (e.g. consulting, hourly project-based work, etc.) or educational commitments that you expect to have during the course of your fellowship, including the approximate time to be devoted to these responsibilities or commitments. |
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| Question 9 – End of Government Service, Post-Government Restrictions, and Conflicts of Interest (150 Words)When was or is your estimated last day of government service? Do you have any restrictions related to your post-government work or funding, and if so, how might these restrictions impact the proposal? Explain any conflicts of interest you have with the Open Society Foundations. |
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| Question 10 - Further InformationIs there any other information that you would like to provide? |
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