Disability Rights Scholarship Programs

2020–2021

Open Society scholarship Programs

Application Deadline: January 6, 2020

A: Personal Information

Write your name exactly as it is written on your passport or national ID. Please write neatly and accurately. Begin typing in shaded area.

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 All mail will be sent to this address during the competition (Fall 2019/Spring 2020). Include country and city code for phone numbers:
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. Do you have a United States green card, residency status in any other country, or an application pending for asylum or residency status in any country? Yes \_\_ No \_\_
4. Have you received or are you receiving support from the Open Society Foundations or the Soros Foundation Network? 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) |
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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: Essays

Write a detailed essay explaining your reasons for applying for support from the Open Society Foundations Disability Rights Scholarship Program. Cover the following items:

The length of your essay should not exceed 1500 words.

1. Explain how your background, education, and employment have prepared you to study at the graduate level in the field of law.
2. How did you become interested in disability rights work?
3. What experiences - personal, educational and organizational - led to or confirmed your interest in this field?
4. What efforts have you undertaken already to improve your professional qualifications in the field of human rights/disability rights?
5. Explain what you hope to accomplish during your fellowship and how this experience will help you achieve your professional and personal goals, including what type of work or position you would like to have after completing the program.

E: References

Please identify two (2) individuals who will write recommendation letters on your behalf, one commenting on your academic qualifications and the other on your professional experience. When choosing recommendation providers, please note that the selection committee weighs these letters heavily in evaluating applications. Reference letters should be on official letterhead and submitted by the recommender via email directly to the regional coordinator (address below) by the deadline.

1. Name:       Title:

Mailing address:

Telephone number:       E-mail address:

2. Name:       Title:

Mailing address:

Telephone number:       E-mail address:

F: Supporting Documents

Please complete the document checklist below.

Before submitting your application, you should gather all required supporting documents. Any document not in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

\_\_ Essay

\_\_ 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).

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

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 DRSP Program?**

\_\_ Government announcement

\_\_ 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 Disability Rights Scholarship Program 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 Disability Rights Scholarship 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 [drsp@infoscholar.org](mailto:drsp@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 [drsp@infoscholar.org](mailto:drsp@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 January 6, 2020

Submission Instructions:

Applicants are encouraged to apply online. To apply online please [click here](https://myapplications.force.com/fcgrantee/FGM_Portal__CommunityCampaign?id=7010V000002f2plQAA) to register, and then follow instructions.

If you are unable to apply online, the full application form (available by [clicking here](https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/disability-rights-scholarship-program), or from the regional coordonators listed below) and all supporting documents must be submitted via email by the deadline to the appropriate contact below:

**Residents of Ethiopia, Lesotho, Sudan, South Sudan:**

**Jehoshaphat Njau**

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[www.chr.up.ac.za](http://www.chr.up.ac.za)

**Residents of Czech Republic, Georgia, or Ukraine:**

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Late applications will automatically be disqualified.