

PROPOSAL COVER PAGE

Applicant Information

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Address:	
City:	

State:	
ZIP Code:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Twitter:	

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?	

Race/Ethnicity:	
Gender:	

Project Summary

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

Additional Details

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

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.

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?

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.

Question 3 - Project Activities and Timeline (400 Words)

Please provide a list and succinct explanation of your project activities and include a corresponding timeline.

Question 4 – 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.)

Question 5 – Meeting the Current Moment in the U.S. (400 Words)

How has the COVID-19 pandemic, democracy reform, climate change, and/or the national uprising for racial justice influenced your fellowship proposal? How does your project relate to the unprecedented challenges and opportunities facing our country?

Question 6 – 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?

Question 7 - 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.

**Question 8 – End of Government Service, Post-Government Restrictions,
and Conflicts of Interest (150 Words)**

When was or is your 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.

Question 9 - Further Information

Is there any other information that you would like to provide?