

## 2019 Young Feminist Leaders Fellowships

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### **Do I need to be fluent in English in order to apply for this fellowship?**

No. As long as you can communicate in either Spanish, Portuguese, OR English, you are eligible to apply for this fellowship. If necessary, translation will be provided at all fellowship events and we will partner you with a host organization and mentor who can communicate in your preferred language.

#### **What are the dates for the age cutoff for fellowship eligibility?**

In order to be eligible for this fellowship, you must turn 22 before August 1, 2019. If you turn 31 before August 1, you are not eligible to apply for this fellowship.

While we recognize the importance of activists of all ages working toward gender equality and women's rights, this fellowship is intended for activists between the ages of 22 and 30.

#### **Do I have to live in Buenos Aires, Argentina or Mexico City, Mexico to be eligible for this fellowship?**

No. As long as you live in Latin America, you are eligible to apply for this fellowship. In fact, we encourage applications from those who live outside of these major city centers.

If you are selected, you will need to provide proof that you are eligible to work legally in the country in which you plan to implement your project.

#### **If I am partnered with ELA, will I need to live in Buenos Aires for the duration of my fellowship?**

No. You may continue to live in your home town or country as long as you can commit to traveling to Buenos Aires to meet with ELA and your mentor at least once monthly and arrange video calls and phone calls during the interim period at least once each week. If you are selected, OSF may discuss travel arrangements with you.

#### **If I am partnered with ILSB, will I need to live in Mexico City for the duration of my fellowship?**

As above, no. You may continue to live in your home town or country as long as you can commit to traveling to Mexico City to meet with ILSB and your mentor at least once monthly and arrange video calls and phone calls during the interim period at least once each week. If you are selected, OSF may discuss travel arrangements with you.

#### **If I am partnered with AWID, how will I communicate with my host organization and mentor?**

Because AWID is a digital network and does not have many physical office locations, you will communicate and collaborate with your host and mentor by way of video and phone calls. You may also be asked to travel to visit your mentor upon occasion. If you are selected, OSF may discuss travel arrangements with you.

**Can I work on a project that is already part of a larger organization's work?**

The project must be one of your own design. You will be partnered with a host organization for the duration of the fellowship, and will have the option and be encouraged to work with others in the community or movement to carry out your project. Projects that are already being carried out by larger organizations will not be considered for this fellowship unless you can demonstrate how the project and work will be your own.

**How much travel will this fellowship entail?**

This is largely up to you, your mentor and host organization, and the demands of your individual project. OSF will help to organize three mandatory meetings: an orientation at the start of your fellowship, a meeting with the host organizations and relevant trainers at the midpoint of the fellowship period, and a final conference. Any other travel associated with your fellowship project and meetings with your host will vary from fellow to fellow based on your specific project needs.

**Can I bring my children and/or family with me to fellowship meetings and events?**

If you are responsible for taking care of children, we will work with you to make the necessary accommodations or provide childcare support during required fellowship meetings and events. While OSF cannot pay for your children or family to travel with you, we will work with you to make childcare accommodations either on site or in your location of residence.

**Are there any educational requirements for this fellowship?**

No. There are no educational requirements or degree requirements associated with this fellowship. As long as you meet the eligibility criteria listed in the Guidelines and Application document and can show that you have organizing and advocacy experience (on a local, national, or regional level), you are welcome and encouraged to apply.

**Can I take language classes through my fellowship?**

Yes. As long as you can show that those language courses are essential to you in carrying out your project or improving your professional development, you may apply to take language courses through your fellowship. If you are selected, OSF will review your language requests on a case by case basis.

**Does my project have to only focus on women's rights?**

Not necessarily. Your project should focus on advancing either women's rights or gender equality, but may do so across other movements as well. For example, if you were interested in advancing gender equality in the field of criminal justice, this project would be considered eligible.

**I am working on a project with one or more colleagues. Can we apply for this fellowship together as a group?**

No, this fellowship is only available to individuals who will be carrying out self-designed projects. Projects proposed by groups of two or more will not be considered for this fellowship.

**How long is the fellowship period?**

The fellowship will last 12 months (one year) and will begin sometime between August and November 2019. The fellowship will conclude one year from the start date.

**Does the fellowship offer opportunities for employment after the fellowship period ends?**

No. The fellowship period lasts 12 months and does not constitute employment or an internship with either OSF nor any of the host organizations. Future employment with OSF or the host organizations is NOT guaranteed after the end of the fellowship period.

**If I am a part time student or have a part time job, am I eligible to apply for this fellowship?**

Yes, you may apply for a part time fellowship project (20 hours per week) if you will be a part time student or intend to keep a part time job during the fellowship period.

**What is the amount of the fellowship stipend?**

The total amount to be given to each fellow will be determined by OSF and will be commensurate with the average cost of living in each selected fellow's base location.

**If my project will require additional resources or funding to carry out, should I submit a project budget with my full proposal?**

No. If you are selected for a fellowship and your proposed project will require additional funds or resources to complete, we will later ask you to submit a proposed project budget. Please do not submit a project budget or request for additional funding at this time.

**I live in the Caribbean. Am I eligible to apply for this fellowship?**

Yes, anyone living in the Caribbean who meets the other eligibility criteria for this fellowship is welcome to apply.

**I live in Puerto Rico. Am I eligible to apply for this fellowship?**

Yes, anyone living in the Puerto Rico who meets the other eligibility criteria for this fellowship is welcome to apply.

**What should I do if I have other questions about the fellowship and/or the application process?**

Send an email to [youth.exchange@opensocietyfoundations.org](mailto:youth.exchange@opensocietyfoundations.org) and we will do our best to answer your questions as promptly as possible.