Civil Society Scholar Awards 2021

Open Society scholarship Programs

Application Deadline: July 22, 2020

## A: Research Project Title:

I am applying as a:

Doctoral student enrolled outside my home country

Doctoral student enrolled in my home country

Faculty member currently teaching in my home country

## B: Personal Details

1. Last name:
2. First name:
3. Other names:
4. Gender:
5. Email address:
6. Secondary email address:
7. Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY):
8. Country of birth:
9. Country of citizenship:
10. Country of second citizenship (if applicable):
11. City and country of current residence:
12. Do you have a United States green card, residency status in any other country, or an application pending for residency status in any country? No  Yes

If yes, please provide the details below:

Country:

1. Type of immigration document held/applied for:
2. Have you received or are you receiving support from the Open Society Foundations or the Soros Foundation Network? No  Yes

If yes, please list the full name of the program or grant, the year(s) of funding, and the amount received:

1. Are you a current CSSA grantee? No  Yes

If yes, please give a brief overview of the work that you have completed so far and confirm the end date of your current CSSA project:

1. Have you ever been employed by an OSF organization, or do you have any family member who is currently employed by an OSF organization? No  Yes

If yes, please provide the details here:

## C: Education History

Please provide the details of your educational history, starting with the most recent degree obtained:

| Degree | Major | Date Received  (MM/YYYY) | University/College Name |
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| Doctoral student applicants only:  I am currently enrolled in the following doctorate (Ph.D.) program:  Area of specialization:  Faculty/Department Name:  Name of University:  City:  Country:  Name of academic supervisor:  Email address of academic supervisor:  Date of enrollment (MM/YYYY):  Expected date of completion (MM/YYYY):  In which year of your doctoral program will your proposed activity take place? |

## D: Employment History

1. Current/most recent position held:
2. Employer:
3. Country of employment:
4. Employment start date (MM/YYY):
5. Employment end date, if applicable (MM/YYY):

*Please attach your CV to this application form, making sure it includes your full up to date employment history. Applications submitted without a CV will not be considered.*

## E: Awards

Please list any academic awards, scholarships or honors you have received:

Award details:       Date Received:

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## F: Academic and Professional Publications

Please list the most relevant books, articles or reviews in your field of research that you have published, making sure you include title, place and date of publication. Any non-English titles must be translated into English. A fuller list can be included on your CV.

## G: Previous International Travel for Academic Purposes

Please list below any international trips longer than 1 month that you have taken for academic purposes:

## H: Research Proposal

1. Research project start date (MM/DD/YYYY):
2. Research project end date (MM/DD/YYYY):
3. Location of proposed activity (country/ies):
4. Host institution (if applicable):
5. Field of study:
6. Which of the following areas is your research going to address:

defense against rising authoritarianism

sustainable development, climate action, and mitigating the effects of climate change

economic justice and worker rights

information democracy

the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on your home country/region

Other: please describe here:

1. Total CSSA contribution requested, USD:

Please make sure you provide detailed information on your project’s budget and timeline below.

## I: Long Answers

Please respond below, addressing each question clearly, within the maximum word limits specified.

1. **Academic and research goals** (up to 500 words). This should address the following questions:
2. how is your proposed project connected to your current work/studies? If you are a Doctoral student please provide detailed information on where you are in your program’s timeline, noting what requirements you have completed for your degree and those you still have left to complete, along with estimated dates.
3. Why do you need this award at this specific point in your career?
4. How will this award contribute to your long-term goals and professional trajectory?

1. **Background to the research and a problem statement** (up to 200 words).

If your project is part of a wider research strategy, then please provide information on how it fits in. How is your proposed research project different from other research that already exists on the subject (or how does it add to it)?

1. **Research question/hypothesis** (up to 200 words)

1. **Research plan and methodology** (up to 700 words)

1. **Significance of the research**:

What contribution will your proposed research make to furthering open society, specifically with regard to one of the five priority areas outlined above, academia or general socio-economic development, in your home country or region? (up to 400 words)

1. **Why have you chosen this particular location for your research?** (up to 200 words)

1. **How are you planning to disseminate the results of your research**? (up to 100 words)

**Technical Information**

1. Are you seeking funds from sources other than OSF for this research? If yes, please provide the details below (up to 100 words):

1. Does your research require IRB/ethics committee approval?

No  Yes

1. Does your research involve travel to the US?

No  Yes

If your research involves travel to the US, please read the program guidelines carefully before applying to check if your proposal is eligible for CSSA funding.

1. If your research involves travel to the US, have you attached an invitation letter from the host institution in the US confirming that they are on the list of Designated Sponsor Organizations for J1 visa and that they are willing to support your J1 visa application?

No  Yes

#### Project Budget and Timeline

## A: Full name:

## B: Title of your proposed research:

## C: Total CSSA contribution requested (USD):

Please submit a line item budget for the proposed activity, stating the estimated amount for each category in USD. Kindly note that the total amount requested cannot exceed USD 15,000.

If your project involves travel to more than one country, please indicate expenses for each country in a separate line within each budget category.

| Primary Categories for Expenditure of Your Civil Society Leadership Award | Location | Requested CSSA Funding Contribution (USD$) | Total Estimated Cost  (Award plus any additional funding  USD$) |
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| **International travel expenses**  For travel to the international location of proposed activities (if applicable) |  |  |  |
| **Local transportation**  At the location of proposed activity |  |  |  |
| **Accommodation expenses**  at the location of proposed activity |  |  |  |
| **Living costs/Maintenance expenses**  At the location of proposed activity |  |  |  |
| **Research materials**  Please provide a detailed breakdown in the budget narrative section. |  |  |  |
| **Publication and dissemination costs**  Please provide a detailed breakdown in the budget narrative section. |  |  |  |
| **Other\***  Please provide a detailed breakdown in the budget narrative section. |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |

## Budget Narrative

Please provide detailed information on your planned expenses, making sure you cover each of the categories listed above. If you are planning to travel to more than one country, please list the costs for each of the countries you are planning to visit separately.

## Proposal timeline

All planned activities must take place between **March 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021**.

Project duration **cannot exceed 10 months.**

Please note that if selected, you will be requested to provide an updated proposal timeline should you decide to change the dates of your project.

| MM/YYYY | Location of Proposed Activities | Activities Planned |
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## J: Checklist

Please check each box to confirm your submission of the following:

Completed Application Form

Updated CV

Copy of the identification pages of your passport(s)

Scan of current official graduate school transcript (doctoral applicants) or the final transcript of highest degree obtained (faculty applicants)

A letter of invitation from a faculty member or a senior administrator at the institution where your research will take place, if applicable (scanned and attached to application). If you are not able to collect this by the time of submission or if it is not applicable to your proposal, please outline why here:

*Doctoral student applicants should also provide:*

An official letter from your academic institution confirming your enrollment status, department, and expected completion date (scanned and attached to application)

A personal reference letter from an academic or professional in your field in your home country who can speak to your accomplishments, future aspirations, and ties to your home country (scanned and attached to application)

An academic reference letter from your academic supervisor supporting the research for which you seek funding. *Supervisors should also confirm if the activity will need IRB/ethics committee approval prior to the activity taking place* (scanned and attached to application).

*Faculty applicants should also provide:*

An official letter from your institution of employment confirming your status as a faculty member and endorsing the proposed time away from your position (scanned and attached to application)

An academic reference letter from a senior colleague in your field with direct knowledge of your work and your proposed research topic (scanned and attached to application)

Please refer to the [Guidelines](https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/civil-society-scholar-awards) to verify which letters of support you need to include. All letters MUST include full name, email address and contact number of the person giving the reference.

## K: Submitting your application

Please submit your completed application form and all the required documents electronically by way of the OSF online application portal, [accessible here](https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/civil-society-scholar-awards). The deadline for submission of all documents is July 22, 2020 at 11.59pm Eastern Time.

If you are unable to send your application to us electronically, you may submit it via email ([cssa@infoscholar.org](mailto:cssa@infoscholar.org)).

Please tick one of the options below to confirm how this application will be submitted:

online via OSF’s application portal

via email to [cssa@infoscholar.org](mailto:cssa@infoscholar.org)

## L: Outreach Assessment

Please do let us know how you heard about CSSA:

Friend/colleague

Poster/flyer

Listserv (Please give the name:       )

OSF website

Local Educational Advising Center

University information session

Radio announcement

Other (please specify):

#### Privacy Statement

## How we use your personal data

Open Society Foundation London and Open Society Foundations (Open Society Institute, New York and other offices 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 Civil Society Scholar 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 Civil Society Scholar Award 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. We are currently reviewing our information retention periods and will publish them shortly.

## 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

## 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 [cssa@infoscholar.org](mailto:cssa@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 [cssa@infoscholar.org](mailto:cssa@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.

## Your agreement

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate.

Full Name:       Date: