

# Call for Applications: ARTICLE 19 Internet of Rights Fellowship

The Internet of Rights Fellowship Program aims to facilitate stronger considerations for human rights within Internet governance and to shape the human rights agenda for the development of the Internet. Currently, there is little diversity among participants in Internet governance, resulting in approaches to policy making and the development of Internet technologies that is not open or inclusive. ARTICLE 19 seeks to increase the diversity of engagement within Internet governance bodies, to ensure greater pluralism of voices that includes currently underrepresented groups.

Fellows will be expected to have some working knowledge and experience with the technical and policy discussions across the Internet governance landscape. Under the guidance of their assigned mentors, fellows will develop a deeper knowledge of their target issue area and the skills necessary to meaningfully contribute to discussions in order to further human rights considerations in Internet governance bodies. By the end of the program, fellows will be well-equipped to continue developing a robust approach to human rights within these technical communities beyond the life of the program.

## The Fellowship

The Internet of Rights Fellowship program is designed to be flexible and dynamic, and fellows are encouraged to be innovative and creative in their approach. Upon selection, fellows will work with our team and their mentor to elaborate upon their work plan and develop a schedule and deliverables crafted in accordance with each individual's skills, interests, and experience. We encourage fellows to be innovative and creative in their approach.

The Fellowship starts in March and lasts for one year, during which time fellows will work closely with their mentor, a designated member of our team, on one of the following priority areas:

- **Access:** This is a technical and policy development track on which fellows will engage in the ITU Development Sector (ITU-D) on opportunities to address inefficient spectrum management within member states. The ideal ITU fellow is already embedded within an organisation in the global south, and comes to the fellowship with a mandate from their home organisation to work on the ITU during their time with us. Applicants to this track

should have demonstrated experience or interested in working on issues of access, digital inequality, and telecom policy.

- **Algorithmic decision making:** This is a technical track on which fellows will complement our policy work on algorithms, artificial intelligence and machine learning to address how algorithmic decision making can be guided by international human rights law. Algorithms fellows may work in both established and emerging spaces, like the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Partnership on AI (PAI).
- **DNS:** This is a technical and policy development track on which fellows will contribute to the Cross Community Working Party on ICANN and Human Rights (CCWP-HR). Through research, policy engagement, and the drafting of topical white papers, Fellows will contribute to strengthening human rights considerations within ICANN's policies and procedures. For this track, a strong preference will be given to applicants with technical knowledge of the DNS.

Fellows will be expected to participate in three Internet governance-related meetings over the course of the year. Costs incurred during participation in meetings and conferences as part of this program will be covered by the Fellowship. Fellows will also receive a monthly honorarium of USD 300 over the duration of their fellowship.

## The Fellows

Fellows are expected to commit to an average of eight hours per week engaging in forum-specific discussions, participating in working groups, and completing projects. The program will be conducted entirely in English; therefore, fellows must have written and spoken proficiency in the language.

For all priority areas, the ideal fellow will have:

- Technical competence, which may include knowledge and experience in computer networking and protocols, systems design and architecture.
- Prior experience contributing to Internet governance fora, and/or in-depth knowledge of their target body.
- A clear commitment to protecting and promoting human rights and Internet freedom.
- A foundational principle of the Fellowship is to prioritise applications from underrepresented groups, specifically those from the global south, women and gender non-conforming persons are encouraged to apply.

# Application submissions

The deadline for applications is Friday, February 23. Interested applicants should submit the following to [fellowship@article19.org](mailto:fellowship@article19.org):

- A curriculum vitae.
- A statement of interest, indicating priority area and proposed work (maximum of two pages).
- The contact information of two references.

## About ARTICLE 19

ARTICLE 19 is an independent, international non-profit organization that has been dedicated to the protection and promotion of freedom of expression and access to information as a fundamental human right for 30 years. A19's Digital Programme is a dynamic team that works around the world and we firmly believe that human rights should be fundamental considerations at the infrastructural level of the Internet. By actively participating within the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and Internet Research Task Force (IRTF), the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), we aim to build a strong enabling environment for sustaining Internet freedoms globally.