

# Call for Applications: ARTICLE 19 Internet of Rights Fellowship

ARTICLE 19 Team Digital is looking for three new fellows to join the 2019 cohort of the Internet of Rights Fellowship.

Since 2014 ARTICLE 19 has been a pioneer in the technical governance and evolution of the global Internet, bridging the knowledge gap within the technical and human rights communities. In doing so, ARTICLE 19 has carved out a key platform for civil society engagement in these bodies; however, there remains the need for greater, more diverse, and more sustainable civil society participation.

In its third year, the Internet of Rights Fellowship will equip a diverse community of civil society organizations and their representatives with the tools they need to carry out long-term, influential engagement in the bodies setting the technical policies and standards that uphold the global Internet architecture.

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, they 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 to account for each individual's skills, interests, and experience. Prospective fellows are encouraged to be creative in their approach. Upon selection, fellows will work with ARTICLE 19 Team Digital to elaborate upon their work plan, develop a schedule, and identify potential deliverables. Beyond lending structure to the fellowship, this exercise is intended to give our team insights into how we may best support each individual.

The 2019 Internet of Rights Fellowship will start in March and last 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:

- **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 on developing research, and/or work in both established and emerging spaces, like the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Partnership on AI (PAI).

- **Public Interest Internet Standards:** This is a technical and policy development track on which fellows will contribute to Article 19's work at the Human Rights in Protocols Considerations Research Group of the Internet Research Task Force (IRTF), or in developing novel technical methods for measuring human rights aspects of existing Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) standards.
- **Radio Network Hardware:** This is a technical or humanities track in which the fellow will complement our policy work by studying specific standardization projects ongoing in either the IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee (LMSC) or the Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP). The fellowship has the goal of uncovering hidden effects on human rights of technical choices at the lowest layer of Internet architecture: hardware. Fellows may be given the task to assist ARTICLE 19 representatives with things like Letter Ballots, technical reviews and attend standardization meetings.

Each Fellow 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.

Applicants from the Global South, women, and other under-represented groups are encouraged to apply.

## Application Submissions

The deadline for applications is **Friday, February 24**. Interested applicants should submit the following to [fellowship@article19.org](mailto:fellowship@article19.org):

- Curriculum vitae
- Statement of interest, indicating priority area and proposed work plan (maximum of two pages)
- Contact information of two references