Call for Applications: ARTICLE 19 Internet of Rights Fellowship

ARTICLE 19 Team Digital is looking for three new fellows to join the 2020 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 fourth 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 2020 Internet of Rights Fellowship will start on March 2nd 2020 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:

- **Emerging Technology**: 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).

- **Internet Censorship and Privacy:** This is a technical and policy development track on which fellows will contribute to Article 19's work on user privacy and censorship circumvention tools and policies at the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Research and Working groups, in the way of draft reviews from a tech and HR perspective, as well as in research and development of tools, and possible publication of related drafts and

articles. Commitment for sustained long-term engagement after the duration of the fellowship is highly encouraged.

- **Community Networks:** 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 organization in the global south, and comes to the fellowship with a mandate from their home organization 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.

- **Business and Human Rights:** This is a technical and policy development track on which fellows will contribute to our work on Human Rights Impact Assessments within the Domain Name System (DNS). The fellows will also contribute to our work within the ICANN Non Profit groups such as Non Commercial Stakeholder Group and At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and with the 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 the Domain Name System and particularly on ICANN's policies and procedures. For this track, a strong preference will be given to applicants with policy and technical knowledge of the DNS and knowledge of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

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 9th of February 2020. Interested applicants should submit the following to fellowship@article19.org:

- Curriculum vitae

- Statement of interest, indicating priority area and proposed 12-month work plan including deliverables/outputs (maximum of two pages)

- Contact information of two references

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