

OSLO SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2019



The Oslo Scholars Program offers undergraduates with a demonstrated interest in human rights and international political issues an opportunity to attend the Oslo Freedom Forum and to spend their summer interning with some of the world's leading human rights defenders and activists.

Applications are due February 15, 2019 at 11:59pm

SUMMER 2019 INTERNSHIPS

Srdja Popovic (CANVAS)



Srdja Popovic is a founding member of Otpor! the Serbian civic youth movement that played a pivotal role in the ousting of Slobodan Milosevic. He is a prominent nonviolent expert and the leader of CANVAS, a nonprofit organization dedicated to working with nonviolent democratic movements around the world. CANVAS works with citizens from more than 30 countries, sharing nonviolent strategies and tactics that were used by Otpor!.

A native of Belgrade, Popovic has promoted the principles and strategies of nonviolence as tools for building democracy since helping to found the Otpor! movement. Otpor! began in 1998 as a university-based organization; after only two years, it quickly grew into a national movement, attracting more than 70,000 supporters. A student of nonviolent strategy, Popovic translated several works on the subject, such as the books of American scholar Gene Sharp, for distribution. He also authored "Blueprint for Revolution", a handbook for peaceful protesters, activists, and community organizers.

After the overthrow of Milosevic, Popovic served in the Serbian National Assembly from 2000 to 2003. He served as an environmental affairs advisor to the prime minister. He left the parliament in 2003 to start CANVAS. The organization has worked with people in 46 countries to transfer knowledge of effective nonviolent tactics and strategies. It has aided numerous movements around the world, such as the Georgian "Rose Revolution" in 2003, and the April 6th movement in Egypt. CANVAS also produced a handbook for activists, "Nonviolent Struggle: 50 Crucial Points," which is available in six languages, including Arabic and Farsi, and has been downloaded more than 20,000 times.

Popovic appears in two award-winning documentaries, "Bringing Down a Dictator" and "How to Start a Revolution." In 2011, Foreign Policy named Popovic one of the Top 100 Global Thinkers. In 2012, Wired included him on its Smart List of "50 people who will change the world." You can see Popovic's Oslo Freedom Forum talk [here](#).

CANVAS:

The Center for Applied Non-Violent Action and Strategies (CANVAS) is a non-profit, non-governmental, international network, oriented to educational work related to strategic nonviolent conflict. CANVAS founders were part of the team that organized a successful nonviolent movement, which led to the overthrow of Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic. Their mission now is to reach the widest possible international audience, in order to share experiences and learn more on strategic nonviolent conflict, spreading this knowledge to future generations.

Internship Information:

Location: Belgrade, Serbia

Description: This internship will primarily involve analytical research for Srdja Popovic's NGO CANVAS, which focuses on a multitude of social movements all around the world. CANVAS Analytical Research Intern will primarily work on situation research and analysis for the countries where the CANVAS team is working, but duties are subject to change depending on current needs and ongoing projects. Intern duties have also included: social media management, drafting articles for English language publications, region-specific analyses and research, website-building, transcription of videos, tracking news stories, and inventory of publications.

Timeframe: Mid-June to late August (approximately 10 weeks). Interns are required to work a minimum of 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, but may work up to 40 hours per week.

Qualifications: The intern must be a strong writer in English. Knowledge of another foreign language, especially Spanish or Farsi is preferred. Experience in social media and website design is a plus.

Jamila Raquib (Albert Einstein Institute)



Jamila Raquib is the executive director of the [Albert Einstein Institution](#), an organization focused on advancing freedom and democracy through nonviolent action around the world. At the age of five, Raquib and her family fled Soviet oppression in Afghanistan. She joined the Albert Einstein Institution in 2002, and works closely with its founder, Gene Sharp, the world's leading scholar on strategic nonviolent struggle. Together, they published "Self-Liberation: A Guide to Strategic Planning for Action to End a Dictatorship or Other Oppression," which has been used throughout the world as a practical guide for nonviolent resistance. You can see her Oslo Freedom Forum talk [here](#).

Internship Information:

Location: Boston or remotely. AEI is currently conducting its work at the MIT Media Lab in Cambridge, MA. The intern will need to work remotely and occasionally visit to meet Jamila in person and work on events.

Description: Among other projects, in 2019 AEI will be focusing on creating an educational curriculum on nonviolent action, digitizing unique archival documents, and managing the Media Lab's Disobedience Prize. The intern may be tasked with the following: Research, following world events related to nonviolent action, assisting in the regular upkeep of AEI's social media accounts, assisting staff with a variety of research projects, attending and taking notes on meetings with activists and other visitors; Publications, assisting in the copy-editing, production, and promotion of new publications, including indexing new editions and formatting publications for eBook readers (training provided) and assisting in the fulfillment of publication orders and requests; Translation, helping to maintain records of existing and in-progress translations; and Other duties, providing assistance to institution staff on general administrative tasks and event organizing.

Timeframe: June - August (approximately 10 weeks). The intern will be required to work at least 20 hours a week but may be asked to work up to 40 hours.

Qualifications: Fluency in English, including excellent writing and editing skills; Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel for Mac; Flexibility, AEI is in a small office with significant reach, so they ask that interns be flexible in responding to the changing needs of the organization. At the same time, they are committed to supporting interns' strengths and learning goals.

Dr. Nada Dhaif



Dr. Nada Dhaif is a Bahraini oral and dental surgeon and founder of the [Bahrain Rehabilitation & Anti-Violence Organization](#) (BRAVO). Dhaif was one of 20 medical professionals who were arrested, imprisoned, and tortured during the 2011 Bahraini uprisings for treating pro-democracy protesters. She was held in solitary confinement for 22 days and was forced to sign a false confession admitting to hatred of the regime. After her release, Dhaif founded BRAVO, the first NGO of its kind in the Gulf region that seeks to support victims of torture or violence, to achieve compliance and adherence to human rights principles, and to end the practice of torture. Dhaif was exonerated of her charges in June 2012 following an appeal and now travels the world to speak out against the abuses committed by the Bahraini government. You can see Dhaif's Oslo Freedom Forum talk [here](#).

Internship Information:

Location: The intern will work remotely.

Description: Interns would conduct research on torture and rehabilitation (for example, research on medical effects of tear gas on protesters). No previous medical knowledge is necessary. The intern will handle potentially disturbing material and needs to have high degree of psychological maturity and cultural sensitivity.

Timeframe: Late June to late August. The intern will be required to work at least 20 hours a week.

Qualifications: While no medical background is necessary, preference is given to applicants with social work / psychology background. Fluency and working knowledge of both English and Arabic is required.

Svitlana Zalishchuk



Svitlana Zalishchuk is a Ukrainian politician, journalist, and human rights activist. Zalishchuk began her career as a journalist and played a key role in the Euromaidan movement by founding Centre UA, an organization that defends freedom of expression and information. Zalishchuk has led successful awareness-raising initiatives, including “Stop Censorship” a campaign to promote free speech. In 2014, Zalishchuk was elected as a member of the Ukrainian Parliament and serves on the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Zalishchuk is an outspoken advocate for LGBTQ rights and gender equality, as well as democratization and anti-corruption in Ukraine. For her human rights work, Zalishchuk has been consistently recognized by Novoe Vriemia magazine as one of the Top 100 most influential women in Ukraine and was granted the 2016 Anna Lindh Prize. You can see his Oslo Freedom Forum talk [here](#).

Internship Information:

Location: Intern in the Parliamentary Office of MP Svitlana Zalishchuk. The office is in the Parliament of Ukraine, Kyiv (Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine)

Description: The intern selected for this internship will focus on the following:

- Political & legal research
- Drafting letters & position papers
- Preparing talking points

All of the above concerns the sphere of Ukraine’s human rights and foreign affairs policies with a particular focus on international law and Ukraine’s commitments.

Timeframe: The internship will be held in the months of June to August.

Qualifications: The intern should have fluency in English and Russian/Ukrainian. An interest in Russian and Ukrainian politics will be preferable.

Leyla Hussein



Leyla Hussein is a Somali psychotherapist, writer, specialist on female genital mutilation (FGM) and gender rights, and lead campaigner working to end violence against women and girls. She is the founder of the Dahlia Project, a psychotherapist and counseling service for survivors of FGM, and the chief executive of Hawa's Haven, a collective of Somali women campaigners and community activists who work to raise awareness about violence against Somali women and children. Hussein is also the co-founder of Daughters of Eve, a nonprofit working to protect those at risk from FGM. She recently became a consultant and global ambassador for the Girl Generation Program, where she provides safeguarding training to ambassadors to help them cope with and campaign against FGM. For her work Hussein was awarded Cosmopolitan's Ultimate Campaigner Women of the Year Award in 2010 and was named one of BBC's 100 Women of 2013. You can watch Leyla's OFF talk [here](#).

Internship Information:

Location: The intern will work remotely.

Description: Interns working with Leyla will conduct research on Female Genital Mutilation occurrences in the United States and abroad and communicate with various media channels to increase awareness of FGM. Effective writing and editing skills are a must, as well as a passion for and understanding of the importance of advocating for women and girls who have suffered from violence and oppression. Student interns should be detail oriented, an effective communicator, and have experience working with social media platforms in a professional manner.

Qualifications: Fluency in English, including excellent writing and editing skills; Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel for Mac.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

All those interested are required to apply by **15th February 2019, 11:59 pm** Submit the following materials to **OSLOSCHOLARS@TUFTS.EDU**

in one folder/zip file labeled [LASTNAME][INTERNSHIP]. e.g. SMITHSRDJAPOPOVIC

1. Application Form (on the Oslo Scholars Page of the IGL Web Site)
2. Cover Letter, no more than one page
3. Current Resume
4. Two-pages specifying the internship you are applying for, why you are interested in that particular internship, and what qualifications you feel you have to offer
5. Writing sample

Application materials will be forwarded to the Oslo Human Rights Scholar(s), who will determine who they want as their summer intern.

If you have any questions, please call 617.627.3314 or email osloscholars@tufts.edu