

OSLO SCHOLARS PROGRAM

2018



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, 2018 at 11:59pm

SUMMER 2018 INTERNSHIPS

El Chigüire Bipolar

El Chigüire Bipolar (“Bipolar Capybara”) is a popular Venezuelan satirical website known for mocking former president Hugo Chávez and current President Nicolás Maduro. The site was created in 2008 by Elio Casale, Oswaldo Graziani, and Juan Andrés Ravell. El Chigüire Bipolar is often compared to the satirical newspaper *The Onion* and to John Oliver’s weekly television show “Last Week Tonight.” In 2010, El Chigüire Bipolar also created “Isla Presidencial,” a web series inspired by the TV show “Lost,” where Latin American leaders are shipwrecked on a deserted island and forced to fend for themselves. In three seasons, it received more than 50 million views. As the government has increased pressure on independent media, satirical outlets in Venezuela have taken on the role of independent news channels. El Chigüire Bipolar’s readership now exceeds that of many leading Venezuelan newspapers. The founders are hopeful that the site will enable more multifaceted debate in Venezuela and allow for a plethora of voices to be heard. In 2017, El Chigüire Bipolar was awarded Havel Prize for Creative Dissent.



Internship Information

Location

Miami, US

Description

The intern will be tasked with general research, translation (Spanish to English), and creating presentations for NGOs. Other duties would depend on the current needs of the organization.

Timeframe

June through 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

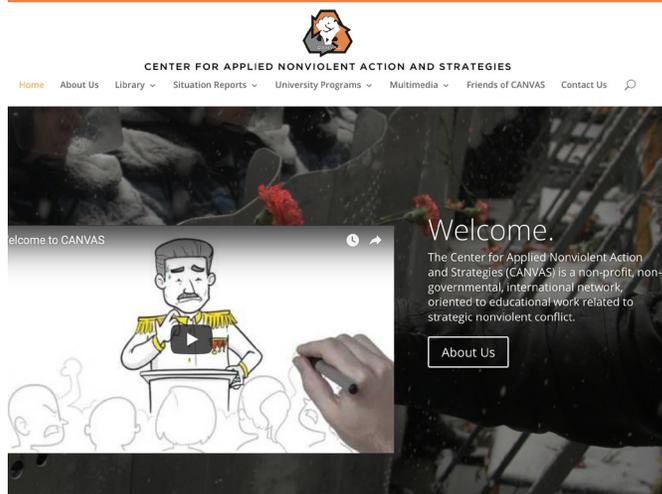
The intern must be fluent in both English and Spanish. Photoshop and video editing skills are appreciated but not required.

Srdja Popovic (CANVAS)

Srdja Popovic was 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 expert on the use of non-violence in political protest and the leader of CANVAS (The Center for Applied Non-Violent Action and Strategies) - a non-profit, non-governmental, international network that educates about strategic, nonviolent conflict. CANVAS' mission is to reach the widest possible international audience in order to share experiences on strategic, nonviolent conflict.



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 grew into a national movement, attracting more than 70,000 supporters. After the overthrow of President Slobodan Milosevic, Popovic served in the Serbian National Assembly from 2000 to 2003. He then left parliament to found CANVAS. The organization has worked with people from 46 countries. It has aided numerous movements around the world, such as the Georgian "Rose Revolution" in 2003 and the April 6th movement in Egypt.



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." He also authored "Blueprint for Revolution", a handbook for peaceful protest.

Internship Information

Location

Belgrade, Serbia

Description

This internship will primarily involve analytical research for CANVAS. In 2018, CANVAS is starting a project on South East Asia/East Asia, so interest in the region is a plus (though not required). The intern will primarily work on research and country analysis, but duties are subject to change depending on current needs and ongoing projects. Duties can also include: social media, drafting articles for English language publications, transcription, and tracking news stories.

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 is a plus.

Jamila Raquib (Albert Einstein Institute)



Jamila Raquib is the executive director of the Albert Einstein Institution, which promotes the study and strategic use of nonviolent action worldwide. At the age of five, Raquib and her family fled Soviet oppression in Afghanistan. Since 2002, she has worked with Dr. Gene Sharp, the world's foremost scholar on strategic, nonviolent action. She conducts workshops on strategic planning for human rights organizations, universities, and governments, and for individuals and groups seeking

to achieve diverse goals such as opposing dictatorship, combatting corruption, attaining political rights, economic justice, environmental protection, and women's empowerment. She is currently a Director's Fellow at the MIT Media Lab, where she is exploring how innovations in technology and education can contribute to greater effectiveness in the study and application of nonviolent struggle.

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 2018 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 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.



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Kang Chol-hwan

Kang Chol-hwan is a journalist, author, and North Korean defector. When he was nine, he and his entire family were imprisoned in the Yodok concentration camp by Kim Il Sung after Kang's grandfather was accused of treason. For ten years, Kang was subjected to the brutal conditions of the camp, where he and his family endured starvation, beatings, and the threat of execution. After he was released from the camp, Kang bought an illegal radio receiver to listen to broadcasts from South Korea. He made the decision to defect and escaped North Korea by crossing the Yalu River into China, eventually immigrating to South Korea. In 2000, he published "The Aquariums of Pyongyang," a description of his experiences and the very first survivor account of North Korea's concentration camps.

After several years of North Korean human rights activism, Kang Cheol Hwan came to the conclusion that expecting change from the DPRK government was not feasible. Without change and the enlightenment of the North Korean people, and without bridging the gap between the two Koreas, peaceful unification is unlikely. Based on this belief, in 2007 Kang Cheol Hwan created the North Korea Strategy Center. The mission of the organization is to disseminate foreign information in North Korea, empower defectors to become advocates of democracy after unification, and educate the South Korean youth on North Korean human rights issues.



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Internship Information

Location

Seoul, South Korea

Description

The intern would be helping the North Korea Strategy Center with their research projects and other general tasks.

Time frame

Mid-June to late August (approximately 10-12 weeks).

Qualifications

Working knowledge of both Korean and English is required. Fluency is preferred.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

All those interested are required to apply by **15th February 2018, 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