

OSLO SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2020



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 March 13, 2020 at 11:59pm

SUMMER 2020 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 is a non-profit, non-governmental, international network, oriented to educational work related to strategic nonviolent conflict. CANVAS is committed to spread knowledge on how to build and run nonviolent movements. CANVAS founders were part of the team that organized a successful nonviolent movement, which led to the overthrow of Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic. Our 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. For further information about CANVAS' work, please visit our website canvasopedia.org.

Internship Information:

Location: Belgrade, Serbia

Responsibilities: The 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. Students will also work on weekly reports for several different countries. Intern duties have also included: social media management, drafting articles for English language publications, region-specific analyses and research, transcription of videos, tracking news stories, inventory of publications. If there is a possibility (depending on the period when the co-op student is engaged) he/she will participate in a workshop for activists involved in nonviolent struggle.

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: Analytical thinking, good writing skills, good research and organizational skills, written communication (e-mail, reports, correspondence), verbal communication, teamwork, problem solving. Serbian is not a prerequisite.

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](#).

[Albert Einstein Institution:](#)

The Albert Einstein Institution is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the worldwide study and use of strategic nonviolent action in conflict. To learn more about the institution, please visit our website at www.aeinstitute.org.

[Internship Information:](#)

Location: The intern will work remotely.

Responsibilities: 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 about nonviolent action, 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. We are a small office with significant reach, so we ask that interns be flexible in

responding to the changing needs of the organization. At the same time, we are committed to supporting our interns' strengths and learning goals during their time with us.

Dr. Nada Dhaif (BRAVO)



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](#).

BRAVO:

The mission of BRAVO is to end the practice of torture or violence and to support, without discrimination, those affected by torture, violence, and human rights violations, their families and communities wherever they are in Bahrain.

Internship Information:

Location: The intern will work remotely.

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

Timeframe: June through August (approximately 10 weeks). The intern will be required to work at least 20 hours/week.

Qualifications: English. While no medical background is necessary, preference is given to applicants with a social work / psychology background. Preference given to juniors and seniors.

Vanessa Berhe (One Day Seyoum)



Vanessa Berhe is a free speech activist who began protesting Eritrea's human rights abuses when she was only 16 years old. After her uncle, photojournalist Seyoum Tsehaye, was imprisoned in September 2001, Berhe began campaigning for his release at her high school and later expanded the campaign to secondary schools and universities around the world. In 2013, she founded One Day Seyoum, a human rights organization that campaigns for Seyoum Tsehaye's release and raises awareness about the crackdown on democratic ideals in Eritrea. One Day Seyoum also runs "Free Eritrea," a campaign to raise awareness about human rights violations in Eritrea. For her efforts, Berhe received the Dawik Isaak Prize in 2013 and was nominated for Index on Censorship's Freedom of Expression award in 2016. She is currently a law student at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London and serves as a One Young World Ambassador while continuing to advocate for her uncle's release. You can watch her Oslo Freedom Forum talk [here](#).

One Day Seyoum:

One Day Seyoum **campaigns** against human rights abuses committed against the Eritrean people, in the country and on flight, through campaigns, projects, protests and speaking engagements to galvanize pressure on the Eritrean regime and other institutions complicit in the abuse. We **coordinate political and legal efforts** to put further pressure on the regime through local, regional and international mechanisms and institutions. We **mobilize** and train people to get involved.

Internship Information:

Location: The intern will work remotely.

Responsibilities: The interns would work in either of these teams (not exclusively one), depending on their skills, interests and experiences:

- *Projects & Campaigns:* Does the bulk of the work on the projects and campaigns, from planning and strategizing, to the writing, lobbying, legal work.
- *Communications:* In charge of our social media schedule and planning the content.
- *Multimedia:* creates content (images, video, audio) for our campaigns, media channel (ODS TV) and social media.

- *Human Resources*: internal + external, keeps our press list updated, maintain our Salesforce database, writes our bi-weekly newsletter to engage with our members and friends of the organization
- *Fundraising*: writes grant applications and plans fundraising appeals and events.

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: Required for all positions:

- Campaigning experience
- A friend of social media
- Passionate about human rights
- Research skills
- Writing skills
- Innovative
- Basic graphic design skills (Canva)

One of these skills required for three of the available positions

- Graphic design (proficiency in photoshop and InDesign)
- Video editing
- Grant writing

Mu Sochua (Courage Fund Cambodia)



Mu Sochua is an outspoken and respected Cambodian politician who has dedicated her life to fighting for women's rights and democracy in Southeast Asia. As the daughter of disappeared Sino Khmer parents, Sochua spent most of her young-adult life in exile in the United States. When she returned to Cambodia in 1991, she strove to rebuild her country, first by founding Khemara, an NGO for women's empowerment, and by joining the FUNCINPEC party. She eventually won a seat in Parliament, where she served as the first Minister of Women and Veterans' Affairs between 1998 and 2004. As the government grew increasingly corrupt under Prime Minister Hun Sen, Sochua stepped down and became Vice President of the Cambodia National Rescue Party, Cambodia's main electoral opposition party. Still dedicated to her work combating sex trafficking and promoting gender equality, she received a Vital Voices' Leadership Award and was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 2005. Sochua is once again living in exile after Mr. Hun Sen dissolved the CNRP and threatened its leaders in 2017. Fighting to ensure the restoration of democracy and freedom in Cambodia, Sochua is currently traveling the world and meeting with international leaders to call for action against Mr. Hun Sen's government.

Courage Fund Cambodia:

Cambodian opposition leader and women's rights advocate Mu Sochua, along with other activists, co-founded the Courage Fund to bring awareness and crucial support for current and former political prisoners in Cambodia.

The Courage Fund was founded to help the brave Cambodian dissidents who risk their lives for freedom and democracy. Facing great odds, these front-line activists stand up for the common good, with the knowledge that their actions will bring themselves and their families into terrible danger. Once freed, these former prisoners are often unable to regain their former jobs and struggle to make ends meet for themselves and their families.

Internship Information:

Location: The intern will work remotely.

Responsibilities: Intern will assist with social media for the Courage Fund, including updating the blog and website: <https://testing.couragefundcambodia.org/>. The intern will work closely and train with our social media officer through Zoom, as he is in exile in Malaysia.

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.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

All those interested are required to apply by **March 13, 2020 at 11:59P.m.** 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) after an initial interview with the Oslo Scholars Coordinator, 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