

APPLICATION FORM

Disability Rights Scholarship Programs

Open Society Scholarship Programs

Application Deadline: November 2, 2015

I. Please select the one track/degree program for which you would like to be considered:

I am applying for the Master of Laws (LLM) option.

I am applying for the Master's degree in Education option.

II. Personal Information - Spell your name *exactly* as it is written on your passport.

Family Name: _____ Given Name(s): _____

Gender: _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year): _____ Place of Birth (city / country): _____

Country of permanent legal residence: _____ Country/-ies of citizenship: _____

Have you ever applied for, or do you currently hold, a visa or permanent residency status for the US, Canada, the UK, or EU? If so, describe and give expiration date of status/visa. _____

III. Mailing Address - All mail will be sent to this address during the competition (Fall 2015/Spring 2016). Include country and city code for phone/fax numbers.

Number and Street: _____

City/Region: _____ Index: _____

Country: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

IV. Permanent Address (if different from above) - Include country and city code for phone/fax numbers.

Number and Street: _____

City/Region: _____ Index: _____

Country: _____

Work phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

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V. Current Employer - Include country and city code for phone/fax numbers.

Current position/job title: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Number and Street:

City/Region: _____ Index: _____

Country: _____

Work phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

VI. Professional Experience - List your most recent professional experience first. You will have more space on your resume/CV to write about other positions.

Name & Type of Organization (include # of employees)	Job Title & Dates of Employment (and # of people supervised)	Job Responsibilities (and hours worked per week)	Paid or Volunteer

- VII. Education** - List all higher educational institutions you have attended, beginning with the one attended most recently.

Institution & Location	Major Field of Study (area of specialization)	Degree Type (do not translate, write in Latin letters)	Dates of Study (starting & ending month / year)	Date Degree Received (or expected)

- VIII. Academic Awards** - List any awards, grants, fellowships, or honors you have received. Include the following information: type of award, granting agency, name of award, year, duration of study, and amount.

- IX. Research** - List any scholarly or professional research you have done or are currently conducting.

- X. Publications** - List any books, articles, or theses you have published, include title, publisher, place and date.

XI. Professional Associations - List professional associations or other organizations you are involved with.

XII. Conferences/Workshops/Trainings - List events you have attended that are relevant to your professional development and proposed field of study. If you gave a presentation, please write the topic in the last column.

Name of Conference/Workshop	Country	Dates	Participant or Presenter	Presentation Topic

XIII. Language Ability - Rate your reading, writing, comprehension and speaking skills in each language you know, including English and your native language. Use the ratings of *Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor*.

Language	Native?	Reading	Writing	Listening Comprehension	Speaking
<i>English</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>				

XIV. International Experience - Please indicate all extensive (more than one month) travel, study, or work you have had outside your home country.

Country Visited	Length of Stay	Dates	Purpose of travel

XV. Required Accommodations - Please identify any disability-related accommodations you require to enable you to participate fully in an academic program. This information will have no bearing on the success of your application but helps with program planning and forecasting.

- Physically accessible facilities
- Sign language interpretation
Type: _____
- Materials in Braille
- Screen reading software
- Additional time for testing
- Flexible scheduling
- Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART)
- Personal Assistant (please describe in detail below)
- Other. Please describe your needs:
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XVI. ESSAY (letter of intent): Please choose the appropriate essay based on the track for which you are applying.

For LAW Applicants - Write a detailed essay explaining your reasons for applying for support from the Open Society Foundations Disability Rights Scholarship Program. Explain how your background, education, and employment have prepared you to study at the graduate level in the field of law. How did you become interested in disability rights work? What experiences - personal, educational and organizational - led to or confirmed your interest in this field? What efforts have you undertaken already to improve your professional qualifications in the field of human rights/disability rights? Explain what you hope to accomplish during your fellowship and how this experience will help you achieve your professional and personal goals, including what type of work or position you would like to have after completing the program. (The length of your essay should not exceed five typed pages.)

For EDUCATION Applicants - Write a detailed essay explaining your reasons for applying for support from the Open Society Foundations Disability Rights Scholarship Program. Explain how your background, education, and employment have prepared you to study at the graduate level in the field of education. How did you become interested in inclusive education and how do you understand the meaning of this term? What experiences - personal, educational and organizational - led to or confirmed your interest in this field? What efforts have you undertaken already to improve your professional qualifications in the field of inclusive education? Explain what you hope to accomplish during your fellowship and how this experience will help you achieve your professional and personal goals, including what type of work or position you would like to have after completing the program. (The length of your essay should not exceed five typed pages.)

XVII. References. Please identify three (3) individuals who will write recommendation letters on your behalf. When choosing recommendation providers, please note that the selection committee weighs these letters heavily in evaluating applications.

1. Name: _____ Title: _____
Mailing address: _____
Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Title: _____
Mailing address: _____
Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

3. Name: _____ Title: _____
Mailing address: _____
Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

XVIII. Program Administration - How did you learn about the Program? (for statistical purposes only)

- | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government announcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Your university |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Listserv | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper/Journal | <input type="checkbox"/> Your workplace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soros/Open Society Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Television | |

Please specify details:

Have you applied for other scholarships this year (Open Society Foundations or other)?
Yes ___ No ___

If so, to which program(s)? _____

XIX. Required Order of Attachments - Please attach the following items to your application in the order given below:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Essay | 5. Certified English translation of transcripts |
| 2. Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV), in English | 6. Official degree certificates in original language |
| 3. Three recommendation letters in sealed envelopes | 7. Certified English translation of degree certificates |
| 4. Official university transcripts in original language | 8. Photocopy of passport picture page (if available) |

XX. Certification

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate. I expressly authorize the Open Society Institute (OSI) and any member of the Open Society Foundations, of which OSI is a member, or any third party retained and authorized by OSI or any other member of the Open Society Foundations to act on their behalf only in the context described herein to use, manage, collect, process, and store my personal data (including “sensitive data” or “sensitive personal data” under applicable law) that I provide to OSI or any other member of the Open Society Foundations in connection with this application, to further their charitable or educational purposes.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Academic Affiliation or Place of Employment: _____

Work Telephone & E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

In what capacity, and for how long, have you known the applicant? _____

Please list the courses you have taught the applicant, if applicable.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Applicant’s Grade</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please comment on the applicant’s ability to contribute to the development and reform of education policy or practice, or disability rights law and advocacy.

Horizontal lines for writing a comment on the applicant's ability to contribute to education policy or practice, or disability rights law and advocacy.

How do you think the applicant will benefit from studying in a graduate program in Law or Education?

Horizontal lines for writing an answer to the question about the applicant's benefit from a graduate program in Law or Education.

Overall Evaluation

Compared to other people you have taught or employed, how would you rank the applicant in the following terms? (Circle the best answer.)

Table with 6 columns: Term, Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unable to Judge. Rows include Leadership, Motivation, Creative/Independent thinking, Effective communication skills, English (or French) language, Respect for others, Academic success, and Leadership qualities.

Overall, how would you rate this applicant?

One of the top students/ employees I have encountered	Good	Average	Poor	Unable to Judge
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Effective communication skills	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unable to Judge
English (or French) language	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unable to Judge
Respect for others	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unable to Judge
Academic success	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unable to Judge
Leadership qualities	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unable to Judge

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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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