Cora Weiss Fellowship for Young Women Peacebuilders

The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP) is pleased to announce its fourth annual Cora Weiss Fellowship for Young Women Peacebuilders. Launched in 2015, the Fellowship aims to support the development of young women peacebuilders and ensure that more young people share Cora’s vision for sustainable peace and gender equality as strong and integral parts of our global culture.

Eligibility requirements
To be eligible for the Cora Weiss Fellowship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. At least two years’ experience of volunteering or employment in a women’s rights/human rights/peace advocacy organization.

2. Two years’ work experience in policy advocacy on women’s rights, human rights, peace and other social justice issues, including understanding of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, and related laws and policies;

3. A Bachelor’s degree in international relations, women/gender studies or any of the social sciences;

4. Has lived or worked in a developing country for at least two years; and

5. Full proficiency in English. Since the fellowship will take place in New York where the international community is mainly congregated, complete proficiency in the English language is a must. Proficiency in any other UN language is a plus.

Selection criteria
Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Knowledge of UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR) 1325, 1820 and 2250 on Women, Peace and Security, and related laws and policies;

2. Ability to use the skills and networking opportunities gained from this Fellowship in a similar undertaking, such as working with a civil society organization that advocates for women, peace and security, for at least 2 years after completion of the Fellowship;

3. Ability to communicate effectively on women, peace and security issues, both orally and in writing. Very strong speaking and writing skills in English are required.
4. Ability and willingness to travel to conflict-affected countries.

(Note: Some of the countries where GNWP implements its work are still experiencing violent conflicts or are still impacted by the aftermath of conflict. GNWP closely monitors the security situation in all the countries it works in to ensure that it is safe for its staff, and all its team members and partners to travel. The Cora Weiss Fellow will have to sign a contract agreeing to travel.)

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to work with GNWP for one year on its global advocacy in the UN to promote the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR) 1325 and 1820 on Women, Peace and Security, and related laws and policies, and the day-to-day running of an international office based in New York. This will include, but not be limited to:

- Participation and representing GNWP in various events and meetings at the United Nations or those organized by the UN, Member States, civil society and academic institutions in New York;
- Support to GNWP research projects and various publications, including statements, policy briefs, case studies, project proposals and reports;
- Logistical and administrative support in all areas of GNWP operations.

In addition, the applicant will also have the opportunity to participate in GNWP’s regional, national and local initiatives such as the Localization of UNSCR 1325 and 1820, and the Young Women for Peace and Leadership program. This will include, but not be limited to:

- Liaising with and supporting local partners in logistical and substantive preparation for the activities, and actual travel to support in-country implementation;
- Support to the preparation of budgets, financial and narrative reports from activities;
- Contributing to preparation of workshop materials, such as module matrixes, training needs analyses, and pre- and post-workshop surveys; and
- Writing and dissemination of blogs and other publicity materials to promote GWNP’S various initiatives.

The Fellowship year will commence in September 2019 and end in September 2020. GNWP will cover roundtrip airfare from the country of origin to New York, room and board, health insurance, local transportation, and other personal expenses of the fellow.

**Checklist of required documents**

1. Completed application form in English. Please note that while GNWP has released this advertisement in different languages, submission of a completed application in English is essential. The application form is available here: [http://bit.ly/2Uzbiej](http://bit.ly/2Uzbiej)

2. An essay of no more than 3 pages that explains why you are applying for the Cora Weiss Fellowship
3. Two letters of reference. Reference letters should include how long the writer has known the applicant and in what capacity, comments on the applicant’s potential to make an impact in the field of women, peace and security, and any relevant prior experience.

Applications may be sent to: fellowship.gnwp@gmail.com. All required application materials should be complete and submitted together in one e-mail. Documents sent separately will not be reviewed and application will be considered incomplete. **Deadline for application is May 31, 2019.**