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Justice Initiative Fellows Program at Central European University (2010 –2012 session)

The Open Society Justice Initiative, an operational program of the Open Society Institute (OSI), joins with Central European University (CEU) to announce the Justice Initiative Fellows Program for 2010-2012. The aim of the program is to support and further develop a network of lawyers and activists working on human rights-related issues internationally. As of now more than 150 fellows have graduated from Justice Initiative's Fellowship programs, established in 1996.

The Justice Initiative Fellows Program is a two-year program of study and practical work experience. Up to ten applicants will be selected in 2010 to participate in the program. Applicants from the following regions and countries are eligible: Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Central/South America.

Applicants must be nominated by a national non-governmental organization concerned with human rights. The applicant must demonstrate a strong commitment to human rights, and have a university degree and a high degree of proficiency in English. Criteria for selection will include the applicant's experience, his/her potential to contribute to the protection and promotion of human rights, and the suitability of the applicant's proposed role in the nominating NGO. Upon selection, Fellows will be required to sign an agreement with the Justice Initiative committing themselves to the program for two years. The first year is spent at Central European University, the second in the applicant's home country, working with the nominating NGO.

The Justice Initiative Fellows will reside a total of one year in Hungary, at CEU Legal Studies Department. They will undertake a degree program (M.A. or LL.M. in Human Rights, dependent on their undergraduate degree), in which they will be required to fulfill the requirements of the Human Rights Program at Central European University. During their stay at CEU the Fellows will also participate in a three-month internship placement with leading NGOs in Europe from January until March.

During the first year of the program the Justice Initiative Fellowship will be administered by CEU Legal Studies Department in partnership with the Justice Initiative. Financial conditions will be identical to CEU policies for full scholarship students. The Justice Initiative Fellows will return to their local nominating NGOs after the first year, where they will spend at least one year working in human rights advocacy on a non-profit basis: providing legal services, undertaking human rights litigation, providing training and education, etc. The Justice Initiative will pay a local salary during this second year equal to an amount determined to be similar to equivalent

work by the nominating NGO. This amount will be provided to the nominating NGOs in the form of a grant.

Application Procedure

Please note that applicants must submit their applications online. They must meet the general **CEU Admissions requirements**, which can be viewed on (<http://www.ceu.hu/admissions>), as well as the **CEU Legal Studies Department Requirements** (http://web.ceu.hu/legal/prosp_students.html). In addition, applicants must include with their applications:

1. A nominating letter from an NGO describing the reasons for nominating the applicant, the expectations the NGO has of the project, and contractually committing (to the Justice Initiative) to hire the applicant for at least one year after s/he returns from the twelve-month training program in Hungary. The nomination letter should also indicate a monthly salary gross rate in USD (including all taxes and fees) that will be offered to the applicant by the NGO in the event that s/he is selected for the program (provided to the NGO by the Justice Initiative in the form of a grant).
2. Proof of English proficiency: For applicants from the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe, language tests will be carried out by local Soros Foundation/Open Society Institute coordinators, the list of test sites is available at <http://www.ceu.hu/admissions/contacts/localreps>. The date of the centrally administered TOEFL and departmental tests can be found at <http://www.ceu.hu/admissions/process>. Candidates residing outside of the testing region are required to submit official score reports (see also: <http://www.ceu.hu/admissions/requirements/language#ceutoefl>).
3. A statement of purpose for applying to the Justice Initiative Fellows program.
4. A proposal of project activities that the candidate plans to work on with the nominating NGO during the second year of the fellowship.

The **DEADLINE** for receiving applications at CEU is **January 25, 2010**.

For more information regarding the **first year of the program**, please contact:

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For posted information regarding this program please visit <http://web.ceu.hu/legal/OSJI.htm>

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