

## FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



The Open Society Foundations is pleased to announce the launch of the Open Society Fellowship.

The Fellowship will support refugees and recent migrants to be their own spokespeople on issues that affect them.

Fellowships come with one-year financial support. They will provide impactful training and professional development opportunities through three components over 12 months:

- City and Community Integration projects: Fellows will be supported to pursue a
  project related to an aspect of their community's integration in their destination
  country. Such projects will focus on improving the communication and
  collaboration between refugee and migrant communities and relevant city policy
  makers. In some cities, fellows will work directly with local officials on projects
  and programs related to the inclusion of refugee and migrant communities.
- **Skill Building Training:** As part of their professional development, fellows will be provided with several skill building, training and networking activities. Among others, they will receive trainings on media, communication and advocacy as well as EU mechanisms and policies. They will benefit from site visits within the EU.
- Refugee Advisory Board participation: Fellows will be given the chance to be part of the Advisory Board of the EU Urban Agenda Partnership on Migrants and Refugees. This will increase their exposure to policy making and help them build relationships with policy makers.

## **Eligibility Criteria for Fellowship Applicants**

- Must have roots in the Middle East, North Africa or Southwest Asia; with special consideration to refugees from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Must currently be based, and eligible for employment, in one of the participating cities: Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, or Berlin.
- Have a demonstrated commitment to improving the lives of their community and their integration, whether through professional or volunteer work.
- Must be proficient in English and in native language (Arabic/Farsi/Pashtun) used in community.
   Some proficiency in language of resettled country preferred.

## **Timeline**

June 2017 - Application process launched online July 2017 - Application Deadline August 2017 - Finalists Selected October 2017 - Fellowships Begin

Coming June 2017:
Announcement & Fellowship
Application Web Launch

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