

Call for Applications

Stanford-ICNL Tech Camp for Civic Space Defenders

Are you working on the legal framework for civil society and philanthropy in your country? Are you curious how AI and machine learning, facial recognition technology, and big data will transform society? Are you wondering about the impact of these and other digital technologies on your work?

If so, we invite you to apply to the Tech Camp for Civic Space Defenders, organized by Stanford's Global Digital Policy Incubator and the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law. The camp will be held from February 2 - 4, 2020 at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. The curriculum will include:

- An introduction to AI, machine learning, and other digital technologies;
- Discussions on how digital technologies can be used to enable or restrict civil society and philanthropy, as well as the freedoms of association, expression, and assembly ("civic space");
- Analysis of how various national internet regulations and international digital policy initiatives impact civic space; and
- Interactive sessions on how to advocate for digital technology policies and utilize digital tools and practices that expand civic space.

Under this call, we anticipate supporting approximately 25 people from [OECD-DAC recipient countries](#) for this exciting opportunity.

Program Costs

The organizers will cover participant airfare, lodging, and local transport in the US, and some meals in Palo Alto. The organizers will also provide letters of invitation, but participants are responsible for obtaining a US visa and for all associated costs. No per diem will be provided; participants will be expected to cover the cost of airport transfers in their home countries, travel insurance, some meals, and incidental costs incurred in connection with their Tech Camp attendance.

Application Process

To apply to participate in the Tech Camp, please submit the following materials no later than September 1:

1. A CV or biographical statement of no more than two pages;
2. A description of how you have worked to promote civic space (up to 150 words);
3. A description of current or upcoming digital laws or policies affecting civic space in your country (up to 200 words);
4. A statement of how you anticipate using knowledge gained at the Tech Camp to promote civic space in your country (up to 200 words);
5. A statement of how you intend to share the knowledge gained upon your return home (up to 150 words); and
6. A confirmation that you: (1) do not need a visa to enter the United States, (2) have an appropriate entry visa, or (3) understand you have an obligation to obtain an appropriate visa, intend to apply for a visa in a timely manner, and will bear all costs associated with the visa process. *Please be sure to include this confirmation in your application.*

Selection Process

Participants will be selected through a competitive application process. The selection process will be based on the quality of the application and the following criteria:

- The applicant must reside and work in an [OECD-DAC recipient country](#);
- The applicant's experience promoting civic space;
- The nature of the digital laws and policies affecting civic space in the applicant's country;
- The applicant's plan to use and share knowledge gained at the Tech Camp; and
- The applicant's proficiency in spoken and written English.

Please submit your application to techcamp@icnl.org by September 1. Incomplete or improperly submitted applications will not be considered. **Selected applicants will be notified of their selection by September 30.** Only successful applicants will be contacted. No phone calls please.

Participation by selected applicants will be contingent on ability to obtain a visa by December 1, 2019. Participants must be available to participate in all three days of the Tech Camp, plus travel time to Stanford. This call for applications does not constitute an obligation or commitment of any kind by the organizers, nor does it commit the organizers to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application.