

FORUM-ASIA UNATS FELLOWSHIP:**Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)****UN Advocacy Training and Study (UNATS) Fellowship for Asian Human Rights Defenders**

Description: The FORUM-ASIA UNATS Fellowship is designed to build the capacity of Asian human rights advocates who engage with UN mechanisms. Fellows will be expected to be based in FORUM-ASIA's International Office in Geneva for a period of three months from where they will be exposed to UN human rights mechanisms and gain hands-on experience on the workings of the UN Human Rights Council. This Fellowship is intended as a means by which Asian human rights organisations can build their capacity to engage with UN human rights mechanisms in the long term. Hence upon concluding their Fellowship Fellows are expected to go back and enable their organisations to build a sustainable and long term engagement with UN human rights mechanisms.

Eligibility: The Fellowship is open for mid-level staff working with FORUM-ASIA member organisations or with a partner organisation nominated by a member organisation. It is also desirable if candidates have specific experience in working on one or more of the following topics: freedom of opinion and expression, freedom of assembly and association, and protection of human rights defenders.

The candidate is expected to have a good knowledge of written and oral English. Good communication skills are an asset. Prior knowledge of UN mechanisms and experience of working on UN Human Rights mechanisms is desirable. The candidate is expected to have worked in the human rights field for at least 2 to 3 years and for a maximum of no more than 6 years. The organisation nominating the candidate should explain how it intends to benefit organisationally from the capacity building provided by the fellowship and give a clear indication of the role it envisages for the fellow upon the end of the fellowship.

The agenda of UN Human Rights Council and other UN events taking place during the period of the Fellowship as well as FORUM-ASIA's expertise in different topics in the agenda of these meetings will play a role in the selection of candidates.

Eligible candidates are encouraged to apply through their organisations by the designated deadline.

Openings: For the September 2018 intake, FORUM-ASIA has an opening for one UNATS Fellow. **The selected candidate will be expected to visit FORUM-ASIA's International Office in Geneva for three months tentatively between 3 September and 30 November 2018.**

Stipend: A small stipend will be provided to the successful candidates to cover their costs

of travel and living in Geneva during the Fellowship.

Deadline for Application: 10 August 2018

How to Apply: To apply please email following documents to una@forum-asia.org with the subject line 'UNATS Fellowship Application'.

- Completed application form;
- The candidate's CV;
- One reference letter from the nominating FORUM-ASIA member organisation;
- One letter from the candidate's organisation that explains how the fellowship will benefit them how they plan to use the expertise gained for long term engagement with UN mechanisms; and
- One motivation letter from the candidate.