



OSLO SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2017

[Speakers & Internships]

All those interested are required to apply by **2nd April 2016, 11.59 pm** with the following materials submitted to: scholars@oslofreedomforum.com

1. Current CV/resume
2. Cover Letter addressing your interest in the program, the specific speaker and summer internship you are applying for, and how you qualify for it
3. Completed application form
4. Writing sample

Nada Dhaif (BRAVO)



Dr. Nada Dhaif is a Bahraini oral and dental surgeon and founder of the [Bahrain Rehabilitation & Anti-Violence Organization](#) (BRAVO). Dhaif was one of 20 medical professionals who were arrested, imprisoned, and tortured during the 2011 Bahraini uprisings for treating pro-democracy protesters. She was held in solitary confinement for 22 days and was forced to sign a false confession admitting to hatred of the regime. After her release, Dhaif founded BRAVO, the first NGO of its kind in the Gulf region that seeks to support victims of torture or violence, to achieve compliance and adherence to human rights principles, and to end the practice of torture. Dhaif was exonerated of her charges in June 2012 following an appeal and now travels the world to speak out against the abuses committed by the Bahraini government. You can see Dhaif's Oslo Freedom Forum talk [here](#).

Internship

Time frame: Late June to late August. The intern will be required to work at least 20 hours a week.

Location: In order of preference: Remotely / Dublin, Ireland

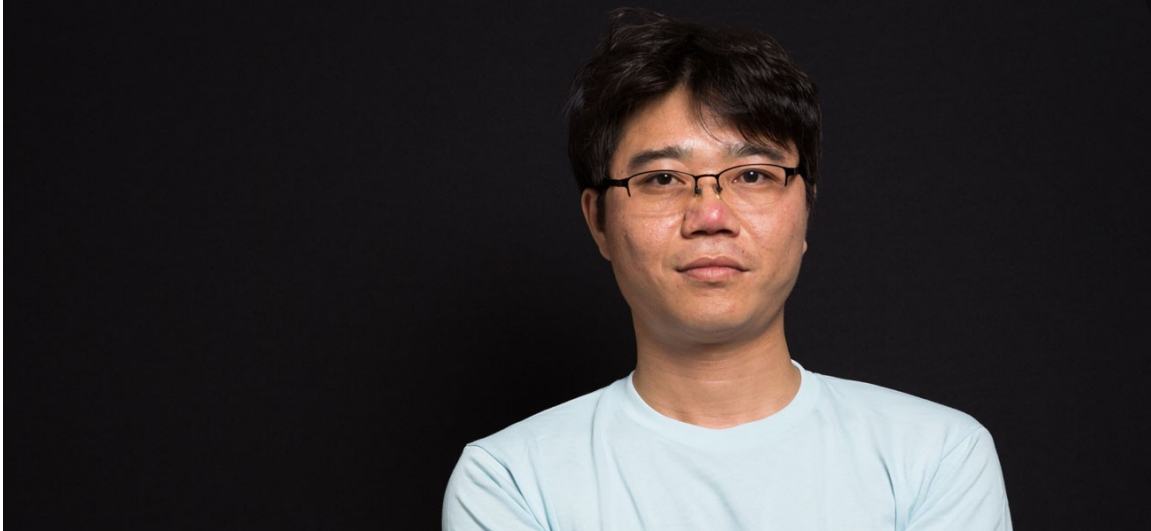
Description: Intern would conduct research on torture and rehabilitation (for example, research on medical effects of tear gas on protesters). No previous medical knowledge is necessary. The intern will handle potentially disturbing



material and needs to have high degree of psychological maturity and cultural sensitivity.

Qualifications: Bilingual Arabic - English. While no medical background is necessary, preference is given to applicants with social work / psychology background. Preference given to juniors and seniors.

Ji Seong-ho (NAUH)



Ji Seong-ho is a North Korean defector who grew up during the country's grueling famine in the 1990s. In order to survive, Ji would exchange stolen coal for food on the black market. While taking coal from a train car in 1996, a malnourished Ji lost consciousness and fell onto the tracks, losing his left hand and foot when a train ran over him. After a grueling amputation surgery, Ji was left to fend for himself. In 2006, he escaped to South Korea, where he is now a law student at Dongguk University. Ji is also the president of Now Action and Unity for Human Rights, where he helps broadcast information into North Korea and facilitates the resettlement of defectors in South Korea. You can see his Oslo Freedom Forum talk [here](#).

Internship

Time frame: June - August

Location: Seoul, South Korea

Description: The intern will interpret for NAUH staffers during interviews with English-speaking reporters and help translate the NAUH web page. The intern will also assist during NAUH events and meetings.

Qualifications:

- Student must speak Korean. Fluency is preferred, but if the student has a working knowledge of Korean that could also be acceptable.
- An interest in North Korean issues
- Experience translating Korean to English.
- Web/technical skills are a plus.

Jamila Raqib (Albert Einstein Institute)



Jamila Raqib is the executive director of the [Albert Einstein Institution](#), an organization focused on advancing freedom and democracy through nonviolent action around the world. At the age of five, Raqib and her family fled Soviet oppression in Afghanistan. She joined the Albert Einstein Institution in 2002, and works closely with its founder, Gene Sharp, the world's leading scholar on strategic nonviolent struggle. Together, they published "Self-Liberation: A Guide to Strategic Planning for Action to End a Dictatorship or Other Oppression," which has been used throughout the world as a practical guide for nonviolent resistance. You can see her Oslo Freedom Forum talk [here](#).

Internship

Time frame: June - August

Location: Boston or remotely. AIE is currently in transition between offices. Depending on the outcome of the development efforts, intern can either work at AEI's office in Boston, or work remotely and visit Boston to meet Jamila in person.

Description: Research: following world news events related to nonviolent action and reporting to staff, assisting in the regular upkeep of the Institution's social media accounts, assisting staff with a variety of research projects about nonviolent action, attending and taking notes on meetings with activists and other visitors. Publications: assisting in the copy-editing, production, and promotion of new publications, including indexing new editions and formatting



publications for ebook readers (training provided), assisting in the fulfillment of publication orders and requests. Translation: helping to maintain records of existing and in-progress translations. Other duties: providing assistance to institution staff on general administrative tasks, including helping to organize events as needed.

Qualifications:

- Fluency in English, including excellent writing and editing skills.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel for Mac.
- We are a small office with significant reach so we ask that interns be very flexible in responding to the changing needs of the organization. At the same time, we are committed to supporting our interns' strengths and learning goals during their time with us.

Srdja Popovic (CANVAS)



Srdja Popovic is a founding member of Otpor!, the Serbian civic youth movement that played a pivotal role in the ousting of Slobodan Milosevic. He is a prominent nonviolent expert and the leader of [CANVAS](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to working with nonviolent democratic movements around the world. CANVAS works with citizens from more than 30 countries, sharing nonviolent strategies and tactics that were used by Otpor!.

A native of Belgrade, Popovic has promoted the principles and strategies of nonviolence as tools for building democracy since helping to found the Otpor! movement. Otpor! began in 1998 as a university-based organization; after only two years, it quickly grew into a national movement, attracting more than 70,000 supporters. A student of nonviolent strategy, Popovic translated several works on the subject, such as the books of American scholar Gene Sharp, for distribution. He also authored "[Blueprint for Revolution](#)", a handbook for peaceful protesters, activists, and community organizers.

After the overthrow of Milosevic, Popovic served in the Serbian National Assembly from 2000 to 2003. He served as an environmental affairs advisor to the prime minister. He left the parliament in 2003 to found CANVAS. The organization has worked with people in 46 countries to transfer knowledge of effective nonviolent tactics and strategies. It has aided numerous movements around the world, such as the Georgian "Rose Revolution" in 2003, and the

April 6th movement in Egypt. CANVAS also produced a handbook for activists, “Nonviolent Struggle: 50 Crucial Points,” which is available in six languages, including Arabic and Farsi, and has been downloaded more than 20,000 times.

Popovic appears in two award-winning documentaries, “Bringing Down a Dictator” and “How to Start a Revolution.” In 2011, Foreign Policy named Popovic one of the Top 100 Global Thinkers. In 2012, Wired included him on its Smart List of “50 people who will change the world.” You can see Popovic’s Oslo Freedom Forum talk [here](#).

CANVAS:

The Center for Applied Non-Violent Action and Strategies (CANVAS) is a non-profit, non-governmental, international network, oriented to educational work related to strategic nonviolent conflict. CANVAS founders were part of the team that organized a successful nonviolent movement, which led to the overthrow of Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic. Their mission now is to reach the widest possible international audience, in order to share experiences and learn more on strategic nonviolent conflict, spreading this knowledge to future generations.

Internship

Time frame: Mid-June to late August (approx. 10 weeks). Interns are required to work a minimum of 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, but may work up to 40 hours per week.

Location: Belgrade, Serbia

Description: This internship will primarily involve analytical research for Srdja Popovic’s NGO CANVAS, which focuses on a multitude of social movements all around the world. CANVAS Analytical Research Intern will primarily work on situation research and analysis for the countries where the CANVAS team is working, but duties are subject to change depending on current needs and ongoing projects. Intern duties have also included: social media management, drafting articles for English language publications, region-specific analyses and research, transcription of videos, tracking news stories, and inventory of publications. The intern must be a strong writer in English. Knowledge of another foreign language is a plus.