



The Human Rights Project at the Urban Justice Center and the U.S. Human Rights Network present the 10<sup>th</sup> annual

## HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE

May 7-9, 2015 in New York City

**“I have learned so much through the Institute. It has absolutely deepened my commitment to utilizing a human rights framework in my work...”**

- Previous HRI participant

### Instructions

Please complete the entire application form. If you need additional space to answer any questions, you may attach a separate word document. All materials [application form, scholarship application and FIHRE nomination (if applicable), letter of endorsement, biography and resume] should be emailed directly to [hri@urbanjustice.org](mailto:hri@urbanjustice.org) with the subject line “Application: 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Rights Institute.”

\*Be sure to submit your application fee per the instructions below in order for your application to be complete.

**Application fee: \$25**

Application fees may be submitted at the following link:

<https://www.urbanjustice.org/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=27>

Please note that only applications that have finalized this step will be considered. Organizations for whom this fee is prohibitive should contact the Human Rights Project.

### Deadlines

Applications with scholarship requests must be sent by **February 23, 2015**.

Applications without a scholarship request must be sent by **February 27, 2015**.

Contact [hri@urbanjustice.org](mailto:hri@urbanjustice.org) if you have any questions.

### Institute Fees

Registration fee for accepted applicants only:

\$500 for organizations with a budget of less than \$250,000;

\$750 for organizations with budgets of \$250,000-\$500,000;

\$1,000 for organizations with budgets of more than \$500,000.

(not covered by scholarship)

Scholarship funds for organizations with unique and demonstrable need are available to apply towards Institute fees, travel and hotel expenses. Please note that breakfast and lunch will be provided during the Institute.

Participants are responsible for covering all other expenses and are expected to attend all sessions. Fees for accepted applicants are non-refundable.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

1. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

2. SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

3. TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

4. WORK ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

5. WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

6. WORK EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PERSONAL EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

7. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE? (Please be as specific as possible):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. HAVE YOU APPLIED TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE BEFORE? IF YES, WHAT YEAR? \_\_\_\_\_

9. We are committed to convening a diverse group of participants for this institute. Please answer the following:

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER IDENTITY: \_\_\_\_\_ PREFERRED GENDER PRONOUN: \_\_\_\_\_  
RACE: \_\_\_\_\_

10. What issue(s) does the sponsoring organization work on? Please place an "X" in all that apply.

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|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Mental Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education               | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor/Economic Justice   | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice        | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration Rights       | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voting Rights/Democracy | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Rights           | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racial Justice          | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Justice         | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):  |                                                |

11. Are you in a supervisory or decision-making role within the sponsoring organization?

- Supervisory    Decision-maker    Both    Neither

Briefly describe your role.

12. Does your sponsoring organization have a grassroots membership?    Yes    No

If so, who are your primary constituents? How do you engage members in your work?

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13. How familiar are you with the international human rights system?  Very  Somewhat  Not at all

Please explain.

14. Have you used the human rights framework to advance domestic social justice?

If so, please explain.

- Yes  Somewhat  Not at all

15. Have you ever attended a human rights training?  Yes  No

If so, please provide details about the information that was covered and why you are pursuing additional training.

16. Are you or your organization currently utilizing the human rights framework and/or particular human rights treaties (e.g., the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), etc.)?

If so, please explain. If not, please indicate your familiarity with these mechanisms.

- Yes  No

17. Is any of your sponsoring organization's work focused specifically on women of color?  Yes  No

If yes, please briefly describe this work. If not, what constituency do you work with?

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18. Does your professional role include community organizing?

Yes

No

If so, please briefly describe your organizing experience.

19. Have you ever engaged in lobbying, political advocacy, or policy development?

Yes

No

If yes, please describe the nature of the work.

20. What do you hope to gain from attending this training? (e.g., strategies for domestic lobbying and organizing, better understanding of U.N. mechanisms, networking, etc.)

21. Please attach a short (approximately 250 words) professional biography.

22. Please attach a letter of endorsement from a member of the leadership at your sponsoring organization that attests to a) your qualifications; b) your role at the organization; c) the organization's interest in the Human Rights Institute; and d) a description of the organization's budget and a commitment to pay the applicable Institute registration fee. If you are the director of the organization, please attach a letter stating your organization's interest in the Human Rights Institute and addressing the questions above.

23. Please attach a professional resume.

### **FIHRE Nomination (optional)**

\*\*To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Human Rights Institute, the Human Rights Project at the Urban Justice Center will be partnering with the US Human Rights Network on the [Fighting Injustice through Human Rights Education \(FIHRE\) Program](#). There will be an opportunity for up to four HRI fellows to participate in an all-expenses-paid training on June 11-14, 2015 at the Highlander Center that will build upon the HRI curriculum. If you would like to be considered for this, please answer the following three questions on a separate document:

24. Briefly explain any current or near-future campaign(s) that your organization is working on and how additional training can advance that work. Be sure to address whether this campaign uses a human rights framework or is open to including it.

25. Why are you interested in participating in the FIHRE program? What do you hope to gain from attending this program?

26. Is your organization a member of any coalitions or networks? If yes, please list name and what role you play?

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Rights Institute  
Scholarship Application Form (optional)

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The priority deadline for applications with scholarship requests is due on February 23, 2015.

\*\*Please note that this section must be accompanied by the general application per the instructions above.

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1. Briefly describe how you would benefit from receiving a scholarship to attend the Human Rights Institute.
2. Provide an overview of the sponsoring organization's budget and an explanation of why a scholarship would be necessary.
3. Please attach a copy of the total budget for the organization that is sponsoring your participation in this institute.

Thank you for your interest in the 2015 Human Rights Institute.

For more information on domestic human rights activism, please visit:

The Human Rights Project at the Urban Justice Center:

[www.humanrightsproject.us](http://www.humanrightsproject.us)

and the US Human Rights Network:

[www.ushrnetwork.org](http://www.ushrnetwork.org)

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