



## **GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING TO EISENHOWER FELLOWSHIPS' 2020 WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

### **Background**

Each year, Eisenhower Fellowships seeks diverse, dynamic doers to join its influential global network of nearly 1,600 active Fellows. This application process is highly competitive. We seek ambitious, disciplined rising leaders with the vision to make the world a better place as well as the ability to create and implement a concrete plan to make that vision a reality post-fellowship. Fellows represent all professional sectors – private, public and nonprofit – and hail from any number of careers, from journalism to the military to higher education to private corporations to the theater and beyond. What all Fellows share, regardless of their professional background or nationality, is a desire to make meaningful positive change in the world in collaboration with peers across sectors and borders. Successful candidates are eager to leverage the global network of Eisenhower Fellowships and engage, over their lifetime as an Eisenhower Fellow, in constructive projects and initiatives designed to enhance the values of Eisenhower Fellowships: peace, prosperity and justice.

The fellowship is aimed at mid-career leaders who have a demonstrated track record of accomplishment as well as the potential to go further and beyond their chosen field. Typically, Fellows range between 32 and 45 years of age at the time of fellowship. This age range has proven to be most amenable to the fellowship experience, with Fellows having attained the maturity to take advantage of the program and represent Eisenhower Fellowships abroad, as well as draw upon the experience to catapult them forward as thought leaders and influencers for years to come. Applications received from candidates outside of this age range will be considered, but their likelihood of selection is less.

Eisenhower Fellowships only accepts individual applications, and does not support fellowship programs for couples/partners. EF does not support dissertation research or research while the candidate is still in school. Fellowships cannot be used to solicit funds or function as an extended business trip.

## **Tips for Completing the Application**

Please make sure to answer all questions in the application thoroughly. Be concise, focusing on the most important and relevant information required to answer the question, as well as any basic context about the issue needed by the reader to understand it completely.

Make sure to review all answers for grammar and spelling, as any mistakes will lessen the impact, as well as consideration, of your application. Suggested word counts are also below. **We highly recommend that you submit your application before the deadline.**

### **SECTION 2:**

#### **Description of organization / your role and influence**

##### **Word Count: 250 words**

- When describing your organization and your role, please try and use your own words rather than copy existing language from a website or other standard text.
- When describing your role, please consider how your current job position will allow you to take advantage of the fellowship and achieve the impact you propose through the project or initiative. From this vantage point, what resources do you have to support your vision and take your impact and leadership to the next level – along with the network of Eisenhower Fellowships?

### **SECTION 5: Description of leadership / personal initiative**

##### **Word Count: 500 words**

- Please provide some insight into yourself through a short narrative of demonstrated achievement, either personal or professional, that speaks to the quality of your leadership, influence and ability to get things done. Explain why it mattered and what positive difference it made in your organization, business and/or community.

### **SECTION 6: Proposed project or initiative**

#### **A. Word count: 500 words**

- [Project Description & Abstract Guidelines](#)

#### **B. Secondary objectives/interests**

##### **Word Count: 250 words**

- There may be side avenues of interest that support your key focus or are of great professional interest. Do not expect more than 20% of fellowship meetings to be dedicated to secondary objectives, so keep these realistic in scope. Hobbies (golf, learning a second language) are not appropriate.

#### **C. Mentorship**

##### **Word Count: 250 words**

- What we expect to see in this section is your dedication and passion to mentoring and giving back to your community post-fellowship as well as previous experience with mentoring.

## **SECTION 7: Proposed fellowship design**

### **Recommendation: a minimum of 8 proposals**

- This is not meant to be a definite or comprehensive list of people and/or organizations you seek to connect with on fellowship. We are interested to see how you translate your objectives and vision of fellowship and your fellowship project into concrete meetings and exchanges with people and organizations.
- If you do not know specific individuals or organizations, please be as specific as possible in describing the profile or position of the person or the role of the organization so that EF can easily understand and help translate these ideas into meetings and other experiences.
- This section is essential in helping Eisenhower Fellowships understand exactly what you want to do and achieve on fellowship and how you think this might best be achieved, as well as what networks you seek to access and/or leverage as you work with EF's program team to create your fellowship. If accepted as a Fellow, program staff will work with you to further flesh out this information, which will be a key jumping-off point for your fellowship program.