

Help us advance digital rights in Europe!

The Digital Freedom Fund is a newly founded organisation that works to advance digital rights through strategic litigation in Europe. We're looking for an amazing Legal Officer to help us support our partners in bringing about change.

DFF provides financial support for strategic court cases and facilitates increased collaboration between those working to advance digital rights. The organisation also assists litigators in finding pro bono legal support. DFF does not itself litigate or engage in lobbying. Rather, it seeks to leverage the strong work digital rights organisations in Europe are already doing.

DFF operates with a light operational staff as its focus is on grantmaking and field support activities rather than participating in litigation work itself. The Legal Officer will work under the supervision of the Director on implementing DFF's strategy.

DFF is incorporated as a *Stichting* under Dutch law, with its Director operating from Berlin and its Programme Officer operating from Berlin and Brussels. The Legal Officer will operate from Berlin.

Role description

The majority of the Legal Officer's time will be dedicated to DFF's grantmaking and field support activities, including the following main tasks:

- Addressing legal research needs of the Fund and its partners with the assistance of DFF's pro bono network;
- Maintaining an overview of litigation activities and digital rights trends within the field;
- Identifying suitable pro bono support and other partners for cases supported by the Fund and upon request from partners;
- Providing input on grant requests as required;
- Assisting in mapping partners' training needs and programme planning for convenings.

All staff members are involved in the building of DFF as it is a start-up organisation. This will require hands-on work and flexibility from all staff and a willingness to, especially in the start-up phase, take on tasks that do not strictly fall within anyone's job description. This, however, is also an opportunity to be part of a new organisation from the start and help shape its vision, strategy, profile and further development.

Candidate profile

- Bachelor's degree in law; graduate degree preferred;

- 2-3 years of progressively responsible professional experience, with specific experience in the field of human rights/digital rights;
- Knowledge of key organisations and networks active in the field of digital rights;
- Understanding of key digital rights issues; litigation experience is a strong plus;
- Excellent written, verbal, organisational, and interpersonal skills in English; attention to detail essential; German language skills are a plus;
- Able to work effectively both as a team member and independently, with a high-level of self-motivation and ability to set and meet goals;
- Experience interacting with non-profit organisations in a grantmaking capacity is desirable;
- Willingness to occasionally travel internationally.

Conditions

Salary: EUR 21.000-25.000 gross per year plus pension contribution, based on part-time employment (0,5 FTE). The initial employment term will be 1 year, with the possibility of renewal.

The position will be filled on a rolling basis, with the first interview rounds expected to take place in February. Start date by April or May 2018 at the latest.

How to apply

Please send the following to info@digitalfreedomfund.org with "DFF Legal Officer <name>" in the subject line:

- Statement of motivation
- CV
- Names of two professional references

References will not be contacted without prior approval of the applicant.



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