

Help us advance digital rights in Europe!

DFF Student Fellowship

The Digital Freedom Fund works to advance digital rights in Europe through strategic litigation. We do this through [grants](#) to support the legal, advocacy, research, and other costs involved in litigation; by facilitating litigators' access to pro-bono legal support; and by [facilitating](#) skill development and networking in the digital rights field.

As part of its work in strengthening the field of digital rights actors, DFF's Racial and Social Justice team also initiated a [decolonising process](#) for the digital rights field in early 2020, together with its project partner EDRi (European Digital Rights) and offers capacity-building support on digital rights issues to racial, social and economic justice organisations via the [Digital Rights for All](#) initiative.

We are now looking for a **Student Fellow** to join the DFF team for a period of **6-8 weeks** between **15 March and 15 May 2022** (the exact period is subject to agreement with the successful applicant). This is an exciting opportunity for a current student or recent graduate to improve their skills and knowledge about digital rights while helping DFF to foster social change in the digital context. The Student Fellow will work closely with the legal team and the racial and social justice team to promote the aims and impact of DFF's work in the digital rights field.

We have a preference for the Fellowship to be fulltime (40 hours per week) but we are open to discussing alternative time commitments with the Fellow. The DFF team currently works remotely and envisages the Fellowship to be **virtual**. This means that it is open for applicants from around the world provided that they are able to work for at least three hours daily during DFF's core office hours (10am to 4pm CET).

The successful applicant will receive a stipend of **EUR 1,000 per month** pro rata.

What we are looking for

To be selected for the Fellowship, you will likely be a current student or recent University graduate in law, social or political science, computer science, media and communications or any other discipline or someone with equivalent professional experience relevant to DFF's work.

You will have a keen interest in digital rights and will want to improve your knowledge of strategic litigation as a tool to protect individuals and, in particular, marginalised communities from violations of those rights.

You will have a general understanding of the applicable European human rights frameworks as well as EU laws that regulate the digital domain, including data protection law, laws that regulate the activities of online platforms, AI, freedom of expression and access to information and/or

related legal frameworks like competition law or consumer protection law. Knowledge of equivalent domestic laws of one or more EU member states would be an asset.

DFF's working language is English, so you must be able to actively participate in discussions and draft documents in that language. A command of another language as well as knowledge or lived experience of different social or legal cultures is highly desirable.

We are looking for someone, who is aware of and passionate about digital rights and who is aware of their importance for achieving racial and social justice. You should be highly motivated, have good research skills, be willing to work independently and as part of a team and be able to manage your time effectively.

What you can expect from us

The Student Fellow will work closely with the legal team and the racial and social justice team in the run-up to DFF Annual Strategy Meeting in April 2022. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to gain an overview of DFF's fieldbuilding and grantmaking activities, and the way in which these are shaped in conversation with DFF's network.

You may be asked to attend planning meetings, prepare briefings and support the DFF team in a range of organisational tasks. Depending on the timing of the Fellowship, you may also be asked to take on small support roles during the Strategy Meeting.

Reflecting your own interests and your previous academic and practical experience, you will also have the opportunity to get involved with DFF's day-to-day work, for example, through carrying out research to support ongoing projects, or by assisting the Communications Officer in the promotion of DFF's activities online, through the DFF blog and its social media.

You will have access to excellent colleagues and mentors, who are happy to share their own knowledge and experience and who will be happy to support you in your work and professional development.

How to apply

If you are interested in working with us, please email the following to projects@digitalfreedomfund.org:

- Your CV/resume
- A statement of no more than two pages:
 - detailing your motivation for applying to DFF; and
 - highlighting how your previous personal, professional or academic experience relates to DFF's work and shows that you are qualified to engage in the activities described above.

The deadline for applications is **22 February 2022**.

How we select the successful candidate

We will interview the candidates that best meet our selection criteria during the **w/c 28 February 2022**.



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