

Topol Fellows in Nonviolent Resistance ***Application for Summer 2020***

DESCRIPTION OF THE TOPOL FELLOWS

In 2015, the Topol Family Foundation established the Topol Fellows in Nonviolent Resistance at The Fletcher School to support Fletcher students who are pursuing **(i) summer research**, or **(ii) a summer internship** that focuses on nonviolent resistance.

Summer research can be towards, but need not be limited to, a capstone project, a doctoral dissertation, or a publishable article. **Summer internships must have a significant research component.**

We encourage applications from students whose research or internship focuses on nonviolent resistance and a related topic. Examples of relevant research topics include, but are not limited to, a comparison of terrorism and nonviolent resistance in a specific country, the role of women in nonviolent resistance movements, nonviolent resistance during a civil war, the effects of international support to nonviolent resistance movements, the effects of nonviolent resistance movements on civil-military relations, the relationship between nonviolent resistance and human security, the effects of cyber and misinformation campaigns on nonviolent resistance, and nonviolent resistance in protracted conflicts. You can find other research ideas here: <https://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/research-interests/> and resources/references here: <https://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/resource-library/>.

AWARD DETAILS

- Awards will be provided to three MALD, MA, MIB, LLM, GMAP or PhD students.
- A one-time disbursement will be made to each Topol Fellow.
- Each award will be up to a maximum of \$5,000.
- Joint-applications from two students are welcome.
- The award is subject to U.S. income tax per IRS regulations.

TOPOL FELLOWS FEATURES AND REQUIREMENTS

- Awards can cover reasonable living and travel expenses, or other reasonable and related expenses.
- A minimum commitment of eight weeks is strongly preferred.
- Topol Fellows will meet in-person or electronically as a group at least once prior to the summer.
- In addition to your research product, a 3-4 page written report is due in September 2020. It must detail how the award was used, lessons learned, impact on relevant stakeholders, challenges encountered, how your summer research or internship contributed to your professional and academic goals, and any related follow-on projects, jobs, or research that you will undertake after the summer.
- A public presentation of your research in fall 2020 at Fletcher is also required.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINE

- Letter of acceptance from or correspondence with a host organization (internship), or letter of support from a Fletcher professor who will supervise your research
- 3-4 page, double-spaced proposal detailing:
 - why you're interested in nonviolent resistance;
 - the academic question or policy problem that you will explore this summer;
 - why the existing literature doesn't sufficiently address your research question (research), or why the organization you will spend the summer at is doing effective work on nonviolent resistance (internship);
 - any previous academic or professional nonviolent resistance experience;
 - citations of academic literature relevant to your proposal;
 - your academic and professional goals; and
 - how becoming a Topol Fellow would help you achieve those goals
- Resume / CV
- Line item budget of the expenses you would use the Topol Fellows award for
- A list of all sources of funding you are applying to, or have secured for this summer

• **Deadline: No later than 5:00pm (Boston time) on Friday, March 27th, 2020**

• **No late applications will be considered.**

• **All applications must be submitted in a single .pdf, .doc, or .docx file to topolscholars@gmail.com.**

• Letters of support from a Fletcher professor or host organization can be sent with the application or separately. Deadline: No later than 5:00pm on Friday, March 27th.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Students of all nationalities are encouraged to apply.
- Only students currently enrolled at Fletcher are eligible.
- Students who graduate this May are *not* eligible.
- Students who graduate this September are eligible. However, preference may be given to applicants who will be enrolled at Fletcher in Fall 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

- Students must present confirmation of their internship no later than April 29, 2020.
- Students unable to confirm an internship by April 29 may forfeit their award.
- Any waitlisted applicants may be given the forfeited award.
- Internships and research may be within the U.S. or another country. Any necessary visas or other travel or work documents are the responsibility each Topol Fellow.
- The amount of each award is determined on a case-by-case basis. Disclosure of other summer funding is required. The Topol Fellows award amount might be revised based on other funding.
- IRB approval is recommended for research projects.
- Tufts University travel rules and registration apply to all Topol Fellows.