Women, Peace and Security  
The Earth Institute, Columbia University  
Peace and Social Change Fellowship  

Call for Applications  
APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 25th at NOON (EST)

The Women, Peace and Security (WPS) program at Columbia University is pleased to announce the launch of the **Peace and Social Change Fellowship program**. The fellowship aims to generate knowledge, build skills, strengthen relationships and exchange strategies among frontline advocates and organizers working on issues of social change, justice, and, more broadly, security for all people.

Through six-month fellowship cycles, women1 changemakers representing a variety of geographic and thematic areas will come together as a critical learning community to learn from and with each other, both virtually and in person. As part of the fellowship, each fellow will be invited to bring representatives from their respective organizations/movements for two in-person workshops: one at the start of the fellowship and one at the end. All costs related to the in-person convenings will be covered.

During the course of the six-month fellowship, fellows and their organizations/movements will receive tailored support from a team of interdisciplinary graduate student interns. Rooted in the needs and desires of the fellows, these graduate students will generate specific projects aimed to increase the visibility of the peace fellows’ activism and organizing. Grounded in solidarity and a sense of radical transnational possibility, the WPS program believes that in times of heightened inequality, hate crimes and global consciousness of violence against women, as well as vibrant transnational mobilizations for gender and racial justice, the Peace and Social Change Fellowship program can generate knowledge, advocacy and new networks to support a wide range of peace and justice projects launched and led by women.

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1 The Women, Peace and Security team uses the term “woman” to describe any individual who self-identifies as a woman, including but not limited to cisgender and transgender individuals.
The convening of the 2019 New York Peace and Social Change Fellows will begin in June 2019 and will be open to women changemakers based and working in New York, New York.

**2019 New York Peace and Social Change Fellowship Overview**

The 2019 New York Peace and Social Change Fellowship will begin with a three-day Peace and Social Change workshop in New York, New York in June 2019. The group of fellows and their colleagues will help shape and design the June workshop.

Through this program, Peace and Social Change Fellows will have a platform to increase the visibility of their work and will strengthen their relationships with other women changemakers in the field through:

- The exchange and creation of knowledge with fellow grassroots activists and practitioners in New York working broadly on aspects of peace and security, including themes such as reproductive health, environmental justice, refugee rights, gender based violence and more.
- Six months of ongoing exchange and skill-sharing workshops based on feedback and design by fellows.
- Tailored project support from graduate students at Columbia University based on the needs and wishes of fellows and their organizations/movements.

In order to deepen cross-learning, fellowships are designed to engage both individuals and the organizations/movements that they represent. While individuals apply on behalf of their organizations/movements, each applicant who is awarded a fellowship will be invited to bring two to three representatives from her respective organization/movement to the June and December workshops. This will ensure that representatives with a variety of positions within each organization/movement (for example, both Executive Directors and frontline outreach workers) will be able to participate in the workshop, and that a range of voices and leadership roles will be highlighted. Accepted fellows will be interviewed about the opportunities they seek to gain from the fellowship, and the program will be adapted based on the group’s collective expertise and wishes.

Following the June workshop, WPS staff will facilitate six months of ongoing communication among the fellows via webinars and email. Fellows will also receive three months of tailored project support from teams of interdisciplinary graduate student, comprised of graduate students across a range of background and disciplines. In December 2019, the fellows, along with WPS staff and graduate student teams, will meet for a second gathering in New York, New York to discuss and present their collaborative work.
Fellowship Eligibility

The 2019 New York Peace and Social Change Fellowship is designed for practitioners and grassroots activists working broadly on issues of peace and security. This includes less commonly recognized aspects of peace and security, such as economic equity, sexual and reproductive rights and environmental realities, among other topics. Given the collaborative nature of the program, the fellows will be selected to bring together a diverse range of experiences and to ensure that a variety of focus areas are represented.

- Currently work on behalf of a New York-based grassroots-level organization or movement in the area of social justice and social change.
- Have a history of movement-building or change-making in their community.
- Have some aspect of their work related to the theme of peace and security.
- Are available to travel to New York, New York in June 2019 and December 2019 for two three-day workshops.
- Are interested in receiving ongoing interdisciplinary project support from WPS staff and graduate student interns.
- Are 18 years of age or older.

About the Women, Peace and Security Program

The mission of the Earth Institute’s Women, Peace and Security (WPS) program, led by Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee, is to contribute to greater global and regional understanding of the diverse roles women play to successfully influence sustainable peace and promote human security through everyday activism. Through education, public service and research, the WPS program advances visibility and knowledge exchanges among women peacebuilders and practitioners – domestically and internationally – and disseminates lessons learned from their experiences.