

## **Applicant Information**

**First Name: Farell**

**Last Name: FOLLY**

**Gender: Male**

**Country of Residence: Germany**

**Stakeholder Group/Constituency Affiliation: NCSG**

## **Questions**

- 1. Current employer and position. Please describe the type of work you perform:**

**I am an assistant researcher at the Bundeswehr University Munich. I mostly work on various IT security projects and I am also doing a Phd in Cybersecurity at the same time. Giving lectures is also part of my tasks.**

- 2. Education:**

**Master of Science in Electrical Engineering with a specialisation in Telecommunications and computer networks.**

- 3. Please identify any GNSO Working Groups and/or chartered teams in which you are participating:**

**As a GNSO Council Member and the NCSG Policy vice-chair, I follow many PDPs to keep up to date in order to conduct my policy-related tasks efficiently. Currently, I closely follow the EPDP team on the Temporary specifications for the WHOIS protocol.**

- 4. Please describe any past involvement in the ICANN Fellowship Program, if applicable. For example, have you previously been a fellow or served as a program mentor?**

**I have been selected as an ICANN Fellow for Montreal 2019, however, I have also been elected as GNSO Councillor at the same time and I choose to participate within the structure that gives me the opportunity to contribute more and at a higher level given my experience within ICANN and the Internet community.**

5. Please assess and explain how your knowledge, experience and expertise address the criteria listed below. Leave the response blank if not applicable to you.

- Active participant in GNSO structures and policy development processes with a track record of engagement

The first PDP WG I was involved dates back in December 2015 - January 2016 with the RDS PDP WG. Since then, I have been very active within the community and always I am willing to help and assist newcomers. For instance, I was part on the onboarding team that drafted onboarding materials to help newcomers with the NCSG and NCUC to go through a quick and smooth induction period. In my home country, I regular assist the team that organises our national DNS forum. This call is also an opportunity to help some newcomers and that is something I like. During ICANN meetings, I mostly volunteer to stand at the ICANN Fellow booth to answer questions from the community and guide new fellows as well.

I have attended the ICANN Policy Writing course during the Puerto Rico meeting and recently attended the ICANN webinar on chairing skills.

- Previous experience serving as a mentor, teacher, or learning facilitator is a plus

I have been teaching many master degree students for more than 10 years now, and as part of my Phd studies, giving lectures is mandatory and according to the students' feedback, my learning skills meet more than 85% of their expectation. I have been a buddy (kind of mentor) within the NCUC constituency to helps newcomers.

- Strong written and verbal communication skills

I am not a native English speaker, but I am confident that I could get myself easily understood. In addition to my mother tongue "Guingbe", I also speak French (at native level), German, and Arabic with some good notions of Spanish.

- Project management and coordination skills

With both a military and an IT engineer background, this is one the best skill that I believe that I have: leading teams, managing projects, inspire people and coach them. I have also worked as a Project Manager in the Benin Ministry of ICT for five years and I hold a PRINCE2 certification (both Foundation and Practitioner)

- Networking skills

Given our context (Internet, DNS, computer networks), this question is a little bit confusing to me, I don't know whether you are asking about how good I am in making or connecting to networks (of people) vs. you want to know about my skills in computer networks. Even though I assume the former, I will give answers for both.

With a great confidence, I can say that I have skills in both. Firstly, as someone who have been working in project management, communication is a basic and the first skill that I have worked on. Therefore, I have learned to connect to people, build networks in order to get easy access to information, resources and assistance.

Secondly as an IT engineer for about 14 years, I have a great expertise in computer and communication networks, the DNS, the Internet, etc.

6. Please assess and explain how your knowledge, experience & personality meet the desired attributes listed below. Leave the response blank if not applicable to you.

Overall, I do think that most of my previous answers cover mostly the ones that are expected below.

- Member of a GNSO Stakeholder Group and/or Constituency

GNSO Councillor. Member of NCSG and NCUC. Vice-chair of the NCSG Policy Committee.

- Understanding of the ICANN's mission, structure, and multistakeholder model

High. In fact, to a great extent, I do know and understand ICANN's mission and its scope, I am very familiar with the bylaws as well as many SG charters. Furthermore, I have used the "ICANN Learn" platform to attend many online courses that strengthen my knowledge about ICANN, the DNS and the Internet Infrastructure.

- Willingness to devote the necessary time a resources prior to and during the ICANN meeting

High. I will do all my best to ensure that newcomers feel good around me and above all, after the mentorship period, they know the most about ICANN that is necessary for a beginning.

- Ability to create a supportive atmosphere for mentees by being open, accessible, and approachable

High. My experience as a project manager, a teacher, and as Buddy for newcomers within my own SG will play a significant role here.

- Robust network within the ICANN community and ability to leverage and share that network

High. I know most of the councillors and their respective area of expertise, I have been in contact with ICANN CEO and some staff members during public meetings, I know some board members and I have some strong connections within various Stakeholders Groups such as the ALAC, the CCNSO, the GAC, the SSAC, and of course the NCSG. Moreover, as someone who worked in the United Nations, I have many connections over there as well as within the ITU, the IGF, etc.

- Ability to present information in a manner that is simple and easy to understand

High. My experience as a project manager and a teacher will also play a significant role here

- **Ability to establish weekly projects and deliverables for mentees using a clear and consistent learning approach**

**High. My experience as a project manager and a teacher will also play a significant role here. Also, I have been part of many GNSO PDP working in the past, in addition to the fact that I am a GNSO Councillor. Thus I am very confident that I meet the criteria for such a role.**

- 7. Please explain your interest in serving as a mentor and what you will bring to the Fellowship Program if selected.**

**I would like to help newcomers to find they own path within ICANN, help translate documents and materials for people who have difficulties in English, but do speak some of the other languages that I do. Even beyond the mentoring period, I will always be available to assist them. After all, this is a vocation.**