

Expression of Interest – GNSO Nominated Mentor for the ICANN Fellowship Program

Overview:

This call seeks members of the GNSO community interested in serving as a volunteer mentor for the ICANN Fellowship Program.

Please complete, save and submit this form by email to gnso-secs@icann.org. **The deadline is 12 January 2023 at 23:59 UTC.**

How to complete your application:

1. First, read the Acknowledgement and Consent text below. Check the appropriate box and enter the date on page 2.
2. Beginning on page 3, this application includes fields for you to fill in personal details, as well as 7 additional questions.
3. You need to fill in all sections of the form. If a given criteria (e.g. expertise) does not apply to you, leave the field empty.
4. Once you have completed the form, save it on your computer/tablet/smartphone.
5. Create a new email message addressed to gnso-secs@icann.org, attach the form which you previously saved and submit the application.

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Fellowship Program Mentor – GNSO Expression of Interest Acknowledgment and Consent Form

Please read this Acknowledgement and Consent carefully as it contains important details about how your personal information is collected, processed, and published when you submit your application for the Fellowship Program Mentor Position (“Position”).

By completing the Fellowship Program Application Form (“Application Form”), you authorize and consent to Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”, “we”, “us”, “our”) collecting and processing your personal information in accordance with this Consent Form. ICANN is the data controller of your personal information when you submit the Application Form and is responsible for complying with applicable data protection laws.

What We Collect From You

When submitting the Application Form, you understand that you may provide personal information, including your name, contact information, qualifications and professional background, and any other information you voluntarily provide.

You understand provision of personal information with your application is entirely voluntary. You determine the extent to which you provide information as part of your application. However, if you decide not to provide information, you understand that it may affect your candidacy.

It is your responsibility to obtain consent from any individual for whom you provide his or her personal information of as a part of your application.

What We Collect From Other Sources

We may collect information from other sources, including other individuals you identify. We may also collect information from publicly available sources including your personal web pages.

Why We Collect

We only process your personal information when we have a legal basis to do so under applicable law. With your consent, we process the personal information you provide in order to assess your qualifications and candidacy for the Fellowship Program Mentor Position.

Disclosures and Publication of Your Personal Information

Your completed application and all supporting documentation will be published on the GNSO Standing Selection Committee community wiki page at <https://community.icann.org/display/GSSC> for transparency purposes. Please be cognizant of your answers as these will be published.

International Transfers

Based on your consent and for the purposes set forth above, the personal information that you provide will be processed in the United States. ICANN employs adequate safeguards to protect your personal information; however, the United States may not provide you the same high level of protection of your personal information as the laws applicable in your country of residence.

Your Rights and Choices

You freely confirm your consent to all of the above. You understand that you may withdraw your consent to future processing at any time or for any reason by emailing privacy@icann.org. If you withdraw your consent, ICANN will stop processing and delete your information without undue delay, unless there are other legal grounds for processing. Your revocation, however, will not affect any personal information that we have already processed and transferred with your consent.

Subject to applicable law, you are entitled to certain rights with respect to your personal information. You can request to access, rectify, erase or restrict, or object to, the processing of your personal information or make use of the right to data portability by contacting privacy@icann.org. You also can lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority in your country of residence at any time.

CONSENT LANGUAGE

I agree to the above provisions and consent to the processing of my Fellowship Program Mentor Position Application Form to ICANN, as set forth above, and for my Application Form to be published at <https://community.icann.org/display/GSSC> in connection with ICANN's consideration for my candidacy.

I understand the above provisions and do not consent to the processing of my Fellowship Program Mentor Position Application Form to ICANN, as set forth above, or for my Application Form to be published at <https://community.icann.org/display/GSSC> in connection with ICANN's consideration for my candidacy.

Date: Jan 12, 2024

Applicant Information

First Name: Namra

Last Name: Naseer

Gender: Female

Country of Residence: United States

Stakeholder Group/Constituency Affiliation: NCSG/ NCUC

Questions

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

I am currently engaged in two startup ventures—one in education and the other on a generative AI information retrieval platform. Additionally, I am a Vice President and Board Member at ISOC NY. With over six years of experience, my background is in international affairs and geopolitics.

2. Education:

I am pursuing my MS in Information & Knowledge Strategy at Columbia University in New York. I also hold an additional master's degree in Peace and Conflict Studies.

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

Following my first fellowship, I've been actively involved within NCSG/NCUC since September 2021. I participated in the Policy Transition Program – Pilot under the management of Melissa Algood. I gained valuable insights into the Applicant Support program and its evolution, including its challenges. Actively engaging in meetings, I currently serve as an alternate at SubPro Small Team Plus for the new gTLDs program. My contributions extend to APRALO (previously), where I presented my findings from ICANN75 & 76, and I've been part of the APRALO GA WG, contributing to the review of ROPs.

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 had the privilege of being a three-time consecutive fellow of ICANN and was featured in the ICANN76 newsletter. Since my initial fellowship, I have consistently maintained active participation at ICANN. My involvement extends across various teams, including APRALO and NCSG/NCUC, and I now occasionally attend NARALO team meetings to stay updated on regional concerns and topics of interest.

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**
 - **Previous experience serving as a mentor, teacher, or learning facilitator is a plus**
 - **Strong written and verbal communication skills**
 - **Project management and coordination skills**
 - **Networking skills**

While I haven't served as a mentor before, receiving mentorship thrice has given me valuable insights and a fresh perspective. I am excited about the opportunity to be part of the mentorship process, particularly in the NextGEN program, where guidance is crucial as fellows work on their presentations. As a mentor, I see myself as a bridge for fellows, helping them navigate the complexities of their thinking and ICANN's functioning, especially in the initial overwhelming stages.

Beyond ICANN, I have been actively involved as a facilitator, speaker, and workshop conductor, addressing various Internet governance and policy issues. Drawing from six years of experience, I have honed my project management, coordination, and networking skills. My research and conference management background has equipped me with strong written and verbal communication skills, making me comfortable with the mentoring process.

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.**
- **Member of a GNSO Stakeholder Group and/or Constituency**
 - **Understanding of the ICANN's mission, structure, and multistakeholder model**
 - **Willingness to devote the necessary time a resources prior to and during the ICANN meeting**
 - **Ability to create a supportive atmosphere for mentees by being open, accessible, and approachable**
 - **Robust network within the ICANN community and ability to leverage and share that network**
 - **Ability to present information in a manner that is simple and easy to understand**
 - **Ability to establish weekly projects and deliverables for mentees using a clear and consistent learning approach**

I am an active member of NCSG/NCUC, demonstrating my commitment and engagement within the GNSO Stakeholder Group. Through my fellowships, continuous participation, and involvement in various ICANN teams, I have gained a deep understanding of ICANN's mission, organizational structure, and the significance of the multistakeholder model.

I am committed to dedicating the required time and resources before and during ICANN meetings, ensuring active participation and contribution. My open and approachable personality allows me to create a supportive atmosphere for mentees, fostering an environment conducive to learning and growth. Leveraging my active involvement and engagement across APRALO, NCSG/NCUC, and NARALO teams, I have built a network within the ICANN community that I am eager to share for the benefit of mentees.

With my experience facilitating workshops and conducting awareness sessions, I can present complex information in a simple and easily understandable manner. My experience in project management and coordination equips me with the skills to establish weekly projects and deliverables for mentees, ensuring a clear and consistent learning approach.

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

I am enthusiastic about serving as a mentor in the Fellowship Program. Having benefited from mentorship on three separate occasions (which include community, policy forums, and AGM), I understand the transformative impact it can have on an individual's experience within ICANN. My keen interest stems from a desire to contribute to the growth and development of the NextGEN participants, particularly in helping them navigate ICANN.

If selected, I bring experience from my active involvement in various ICANN teams, which positions me well to guide and support mentees effectively.

My experience in project management, coordination, and networking enhances my ability to establish deliverables for mentees, ensuring a consistent and structured learning approach. I am eager to share my knowledge, insights, and network, contributing to the Fellowship Program's success and the NextGEN participants' growth.