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PRE-SCREEN GUIDELINES 2019
UKRAINIAN EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Pre-screen Opens:
Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Pre-screen Deadline:
Friday, January 18, 2019, 5:00pm PST

Program Dates:
Sunday, September 15, 2019-Sunday, June 22, 2020

To Apply:
app.wizehive.com/appform/login/uelp2019
ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Ukrainian Emerging Leaders Program (UELP) is a 10-month academic training fellowship hosted at Stanford University. The program was founded in 2016 by the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford’s Freeman Spogli Institute together with Oleksandr and Kateryna Akymenko (Stanford John S. Knight fellows) as an initiative to address development challenges in Ukraine and the broader region.

UELP provides a unique opportunity to three mid-career practitioners working actively as policy-makers, legal professionals, entrepreneurs, and leaders of civil society organizations in Ukraine to visit one of the world’s leading research universities for an academic year. The objective of the Ukrainian Emerging Leaders Program is to strengthen fellows’ leadership skills and bolster their academic foundation. The fellowship is supported by a committee of leading Stanford faculty at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. The program is designed to facilitate capacity building for fellows through faculty mentorship, community engagement, courses, events and site visits to Silicon Valley technology firms.

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PROGRAM AGENDA

The Ukrainian Emerging Leaders Program combines academic courses, faculty mentorship and community engagement to support capacity building and leadership development for program participants.

- **Project based approach**: Fellows identify an issue they would like to address and/or gain an in-depth understanding of in order to apply lessons learned once they return to Ukraine.
- **Faculty mentorship**: Faculty mentors engage fellows through guidance on their projects, coursework, discussions around challenges in Ukraine and connecting fellows to the diverse Stanford community.
- **Coursework**: Fellows have the opportunity to take courses that support their area of expertise and provide them with an academic foundation.
- **Presentation**: At the end of the program, fellows will present their findings to the program faculty and the Stanford community.
APPLICATION TIMELINE AND PROCESS

Please be advised that this is a two-step application process. All candidates are invited to apply through the pre-screen questionnaire, which will be open until Friday, January 19, 2019, 5pm PST. Applicants will be notified in mid-February if they have advanced to the next round. Please note that this is not the final stage in the process.

If your application is advanced to the next stage, you will be invited to submit an application form including a fellowship project statement, three letters of recommendation and a video submission. The deadline for this part of the application is Friday, March 15, 2019, 5pm PST. If you do not pass the pre-screen, you will not be invited to take these next steps, and your application is no longer under consideration.

If you are advanced to the second stage of the application process and you successfully complete a full application by March 15, please note that you may be asked to sit for an interview in May. We will release final decisions in May 2019.

A note for applicants who are reapplying: Please fill out the pre-screen questionnaire and indicate whether you would like us to carry over your application components from the previous year. If you are advanced to the second round and you have indicated that you would like us to carry over your application, we will do so.

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Candidates notified regarding next steps: Mid-February
Full Application Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2019, 5:00pm PST
Letters of Recommendation Due: Friday, March 15, 2019, 5:00pm PST
Interviews: May 2019
Notification of Final Decisions: May 2019
Week of September 22, 2019- June 11, 2020: Academic Year

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

This program is aimed at mid-career practitioners working actively as policy-makers, legal professionals, social entrepreneurs, business entrepreneurs, and leaders of civil society organizations.

- Candidates should hold Ukrainian citizenship and must reside in the country, and have plans to return to Ukraine after the fellowship.
- Candidates must be at least 28 years of age at the start of the fellowship program.
- Candidates should have demonstrated professional and personal achievements in a relevant sector of democracy, development, and the rule of law.
- Candidates must have at least five years of experience to qualify for the fellowship. Those with more experience are much more competitive in the selection process.
- We strive to recruit a diverse group of three individuals who are at the right stage in their professional trajectory to benefit from rigorous academic training and mentorship. Successful applicants will have the academic credentials necessary to participate in academic courses.
offered at Stanford University. A bachelor's degree at the time of participation in the program is a requirement for admission to the program. We do not accept candidates who are in the midst of full-time university degree programs.

- A working knowledge of English is an important prerequisite. It is expected that each fellow has a solid command of written and spoken English in order to fully participate in the program.

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We ask that all applicants carefully read the application guidelines in their entirety before applying to the program. You should also carefully review the frequently asked questions section at the end of the booklet to address any questions you may have concerning the application process. The guidelines cover all steps in the application process. We ask that you please do not reach out to the program team unless a question is not covered in this booklet.

If there are any questions or difficulty with the application, please email: emergingleaders@stanford.edu.

HOW TO USE THE ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM

The Ukrainian Emerging Leaders Program uses the WizeHive application system to manage both the pre-screen and full application process. This system is widely employed by other fellowship programs and should be easy to use. Here are some guidelines to take note of when using the application system:

- You can save your work at any time and return to the form at your convenience. You do not need to complete the application form in one sitting. It is strongly suggested that you save your work often by clicking on the "Save Draft" button at the end of the page. We encourage you to save your work often during the application process so you do not jeopardize losing your material.
- Once you submit your application form you can no longer return to make any changes. Please review all your work before clicking the "Submit" button at the end of the application form.
- The system will notify you by email when you application form has been received.
- All application materials must be submitted in English. Applicants should be sensitive to word count and not exceed any of the stated word count limits in the narrative sections of the form as you will automatically be cut off.