

# FUNDED GLOBAL SOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

**2024-2**

**Dejusticia**

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# ABOUT US



The Center of Study on Law, Justice and Society (Dejusticia) is a non-profit organization based in Bogotá, Colombia that works to strengthen the rule of law and promote human rights in the country and in the Global South. We are a think tank that combines rigorous research and strategic activism, with a single objective: achieving social transformations. Our research is based on our direct activism and advocacy (through campaigns, litigation, education and training); as in the evidence we gather and the analysis we carry out through our interaction with the communities and legal subjects with whom we work. This “research-action” methodology is the pillar of our work as an organization. We work collaboratively, building networks at national, regional and global levels, with a view to strengthening voices from the Global South on the issues we work on.

Since our founding in 2005, our work has evolved along ten thematic lines: Gender Justice; Racial and Ethnic Justice; Economic Justice (including business and human rights; economic, social and cultural rights; right to health; Tax Justice; and the justiciability of socio-economic rights); Rule of Law (anti-corruption and the functioning of state institutions); Technology, Transparency and Human Rights; Environmental Justice (participation, comprehensive management of land use and climate change); Judicial Systems; Drug Policy; Transitional Justice; and Land and Peasantry. In addition, we have five transversal areas that work in an articulated manner with the thematic lines: Strategic Litigation, Communications, Education, Regionalization and International.

Learn more about us at: <http://www.dejusticia.org>

# ABOUT THE PROGRAM



The Dejusticia scholarship program offers a collaborative and creative space to reflect on various relevant topics; strengthen discussions about the fight for social and environmental justice in the world, and inspire new strategies, approaches and transformative actions. It also provides a quiet and safe space to work and weave bonds of solidarity and camaraderie. To that extent, it is an opportunity for mutual exchange both so that fellows can learn about the action research tools and strategies that we develop at Dejusticia in order for them to be more effective in the work they do in their countries of origin, and so that Dejusticia learn from the fellows' experience and that of their organizations.

This program may be relevant for human rights defenders from the Global South who: i) due to their work and advocacy, communication and research activities, have been subjected to high risk from repressive actions by governments and other actors; and ii) belong to human rights organizations from the Global South that wish to do joint research or advocacy work with Dejusticia or even do exchanges.

We seek to build lasting relationships with the scholarship recipients, as well as their organizations so that collaborations can continue after they have returned to their countries. This ensures that scholarships do not become ends in themselves, but rather function as accelerator nodes for connections that will make the movement for human rights more integrated, close-knit, and impactful on the issues most important to the Global South.

# PROFILE



The Global South Fellow has the following general characteristics:

- \* Is a human rights advocate from the Global South with the capacity to exchange knowledge and experiences with Dejusticia researchers.
- \* Is willing to continue working with Dejusticia after the fellowship to create a joint work product.
- \* Can work in either English or Spanish.

The program is looking for people with **three different profiles**:

**1.** The grantee may come from an emergency or high-risk context. *An emergency or high-risk context can be any of the following:*

- \* The country/city where the grantee is working is under armed conflict, civil unrest or authoritarian rule, or with authoritarian tendencies;
- \* The grantee or his/her organization has been subjected to threats, intimidation, or populist propaganda that poses a threat to his/her human rights advocacy work or the safety of his/her family; or
- \* The grantee or his/her organization has been excluded from funding due to government or private sector influence or has been lobbied in any way intended to obstruct the work of the individual/organization.

**2.** The grantee may be at risk of burnout and looking for a quiet place to continue working on human rights issues, but in a different context.

**3.** The grantee may be linked to a human rights organization in the Global South that is interested in doing joint work with Dejusticia, exploring new collaborations or deepening previous collaborations.

# PROFILE



## THE FELLOW'S COMMITMENT:

- \* The fellow will allocate his/her time at Dejusticia according to the following:
  - 35% to support Dejusticia's host team's work
  - 40% to develop and implement his/her own project at Dejusticia
  - 25% to continue supporting his/her home organization's work remotely
- \* Output of the fellow's own project to be completed during the fellowship, which will be submitted to the host team at Dejusticia.
- \* At least one blog reflecting on his/her experience or work, to be published in Dejusticia's Global Blog.

# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



The call for applications will be open until **January 31st, 2024 (11:59 P.M., UTC -05:00)**. Please note that the fellowship will be for the second semester of 2024. Fellowships are generally for a period of three to six months, depending on the availability of the fellow and the host team.

To apply, please [fill out the following form](#) and include:

- \* A Cover Letter (max. 2 pages) that contains a brief description of his/her profile, describes his/her background, and indicates the period of availability, the Dejusticia research team/area in which he/she is interested in working, and the commitment to explore joint research/incidence/training collaborations after the fellowship is completed.
- \* CV that includes your proficiency in English and/or Spanish.
- \* A Letter of institutional support (for individuals, this letter can come from an organization/community that can attest to your contribution to the human rights movement).
- \* A one-page proposal for a project to be carried out during the fellowship. The proposal can include videos, blogs, articles, book chapters, or other content that communicates the context of your work in the Global South human rights movement.

*Dejusticia will cover travel expenses (visa, tickets) and provide a monthly stipend based on the person's profile and experience. Although Dejusticia will provide support at the beginning of the process, where during the first two weeks of work a training space will be provided on amphibious research and on their work, it is important to highlight that the chosen persons will be responsible for managing their stipend to meet their housing, transportation and food needs.*

# TEAMS

*TO WHICH YOU  
CAN APPLY*

# ECONOMIC JUSTICE LINE



## DESCRIPTION

The Economic Justice line is responsible for promoting the realization of social rights before different actors, both state and non-state. In relation to non-state actors, we seek to promote adequate standards in matters of Business and human rights so that they exercise responsible conduct with the rights of people and the environment.

## APPLICANT PROFILE

We are looking for a Fellow to join us on the Economic Justice team and who is interested in investigating appropriate human rights standards in the business environment, particularly the fair transition standards that energy companies should establish in their work. The person in this role will work under the supervision of the Director of the Economic Justice line and with the accompaniment of the main researcher on Business and Human Rights, as well as with the different transversal areas and thematic lines of the organization.

## FUNCTIONS

1. Participate in the preparation of academic documents that, from a legal perspective, seek to establish the commitments and responsibilities that energy companies must assume to ensure a fair energy transition in the countries they operate.
2. Analyze relevant national and international instruments on Business and Rights, the relevant cases that are occurring in different jurisdictions and the theoretical advances on the subject, all with the aim of building a regulation proposal or minimum standards regarding fair energy transition that are applicable to companies in this field.
3. Make short memos for understanding certain specific topics related to the area.
4. Participation in team meetings and in meetings with external allies on this topic.

# TAX JUSTICE LINE



## DESCRIPTION

The Tax Justice Line focuses on analyzing the relationship between the fiscal policies of States and their capacity to protect, respect and guarantee the human rights of their citizens. It also studies the impact of taxation and public spending systems on income and wealth inequality. Thus, research and advocacy actions are sought to ensure that the tax systems of the world, as well as the international taxation system, design a progressive and fair taxation that allows States to have the maximum resources available to finance the needs of its inhabitants.

## APPLICANT PROFILE

The profile sought for the Fellowship is that of an economist, sociologist, political scientist, internationalist or related career, with prior knowledge and research interests in national, regional and global debates on tax justice with a human rights approach.

## FUNCTIONS

Currently, the line is advancing in four strategic actions: supporting the strengthening of global taxation to mitigate tax avoidance and evasion, the dissemination and implementation of human rights principles in tax policy, the training of social actors in tax policy and human rights, and tax justice in climate change. The Fellow will be expected to:

1. Support the collection of information for research being developed in the line.
2. Support in the systematization of comparative experiences (country of origin of the fellow) according to the research topic to be developed.
3. Write and co-write research papers, columns, and communication pieces.
4. Support in the organization and planning of events, training and other initiatives related to the team's work.
5. Attend academic discussions promoted in Dejusticia as well as internal meetings of the Line.

# FARMING AND LAND LINE



## DESCRIPTION

In the Farming and Land Line, we work for the right to land, the recognition of the rights of peasants, peasant territoriality, and the defense and fulfillment of these rights. To this end, we work hand in hand with regional and national peasant organizations, assisting in their organizational strengthening through legal training and political advocacy. Internally and externally, we also have an impact through research, communication strategies and pedagogical events with decision makers.

## APPLICANT PROFILE

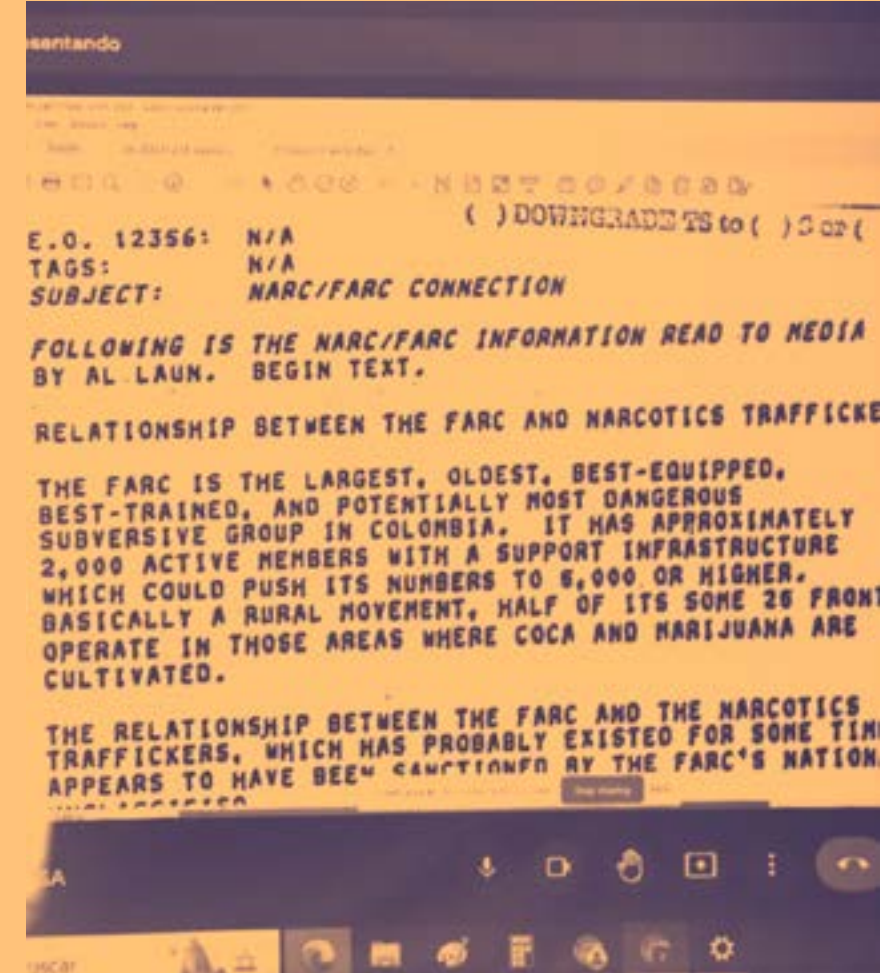
Considering that the struggle of peasants is a global struggle, we are looking for a new member to join us in the Global South fellows program who has experience working with collective groups, peasants or agrarian producers and/or land and territory issues.

## FUNCTIONS

Currently, the line is advancing in three strategic actions: strengthening peasant organizations in their commitment to the recognition of peasant territoriality; proposals for the harmonization of peasant territorial rights and environmental protection and conservation regulations; dissemination of the general land observation. The fellow will have to:

- 1.** Support the design and carrying out of interviews, systemize interviews and use other methodological tools to collect information for research.
- 2.** Support the analysis of comparative experiences on land rights harmonization, peasants and environmental conservation.
- 3.** Write and co-write research documents, columns, and communication pieces.
- 4.** Support with the organization and planning of events, training and other initiatives related to the work of the team.
- 5.** Attend academic discussions promoted by Dejusticia as well as internal meetings of the Line.

# TECHNOLOGY, TRANSPARENCY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS LINE



## DESCRIPTION

In Dejusticia's Transparency, Technology and Human Rights line we work on two general topics: access to public information as a basic condition of democracy and the impact of technology on human rights, especially in an unequal society.

## APPLICANT PROFILE

We are looking for a person interested in the intersection between technology and human rights, who has technical knowledge of how different technologies work. This person may be a professional in engineering, computer science, sociology or social sciences. The chosen person will contribute to the development of the line's objectives, which include: advancement in the issues of democracy and closing of spaces for civil society, equality and non-discrimination, environmental and climate justice, among others.

## FUNCTIONS

1. Conduct research on the intersection between Human Rights and Technology.
2. Support the team by identifying the effects and impacts that new technologies may have on the exercise of human rights.
3. Support the team in their analysis regarding the opportunities and challenges that Artificial Intelligence brings with it.
4. Study the new dimensions that traditional rights acquire in the digital environment.
5. Provide technical knowledge about technology that facilitates its regulation.
6. Identify the ways in which technology can favor and strengthen the promotion of human rights.

# TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE LINE



## DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the transitional justice line is to carry out research and advocacy activities in order to promote the rights of victims to truth, justice, reparation and non-repetition, as well as to promote public discussions on negotiated solutions to violence.

## APPLICANT PROFILE

Professional in law, social sciences or international relations with interest in political transition processes. Experience in processes of promoting the rights of victims of massive human rights violations in domestic or international contexts will be a plus. Knowledge of a second language, preferably English, is ideal but not required.

## FUNCTIONS

The person who is part of the transitional justice team as a fellow will perform the following functions:

1. Produce documentary inputs for research on three topics, mainly, (i) restorative justice; (ii) standards and practices for investigating gender-based violence in transitional contexts; and (iii) reparations for human rights violations resulting from the climate crisis.
2. Support the design and implementation of interviews, focus groups and other methodological tools to collect information for the research.
3. Support with the organization and planning of events, training and other initiatives related to the work of the team.
4. Participate in external events (such as training or conferences) organized by Dejusticia's national and international networks and write internal summaries on the content of these events.
5. Participate in internal meetings of both the transitional justice team and the organization's academic seminars.

# STRATEGIC LITIGATION AREA



## DESCRIPTION

The Strategic Litigation area of Dejusticia is responsible for carrying out legal advocacy actions for the defense and guarantee of human rights in the Global South, which convert our research activities into concrete changes for society and the Rule of Law.

## PROFILE OF THE APPLICANT

We are looking for a fellow who can help us in two tasks: (i) be part of our research tasks for strategic litigation in defense of human rights both nationally and internationally, and (ii) help us make visible the work of the litigation area strategic through translation work of our main communication pieces and dissemination of the most relevant cases in the area.

## FUNCTIONS

1. Support the research work and preparation of the team's legal strategies for cases of national and international relevance (the Inter-American human rights system and universal system of rights).
2. Support the translation work of the main communications pieces and dissemination of the area's work in the global blog and other international dissemination spaces.

# INTERNATIONAL AREA



## DESCRIPTION

We would love to have the support of a fellow to work on migration and refugee issues and their relationship to climate change, the closing of civil society spaces and the rise of authoritarian governments, as well as the strengthening of the human rights movement in the Global South. Our team works on the aforementioned issues through research, training, advocacy and litigation projects. We also develop joint activities with human rights organizations in the Global South to strengthen their work and the different networks of which Dejusticia is a member.

## APPLICANT PROFILE

Those interested in becoming a Fellow in the International Area must demonstrate a commitment to the defense of human rights, especially in the Global South, and a sensitivity to working in the service of historically excluded populations. They should have excellent interpersonal skills, a willingness to collaborate with multiple actors and the flexibility to contribute to projects with different thematic and methodological approaches. Preferably, we would welcome a professional in law, social sciences or international relations.

## FUNCTIONS

- 1.** Review and analyze specialized literature on issues related to migrants' rights, climate change and the closing of civil society spaces.
- 2.** Support the design and carrying out of interviews, focus groups and other methodological tools to collect information for research.
- 3.** Support in the organization and planning of events, training and other initiatives related to the team's work.
- 4.** Participate in external events (such as training or conferences) organized by Dejusticia's national and international networks, and write internal summaries on the content of these events.

# SCHOOL D



## DESCRIPTION

In 2017, Dejusticia formally established the creation of a school in the practice of human rights (hereinafter School D) with the intention of consolidating its amphibious approach to work and human rights, which involves combining social research projects with litigation strategies, advocacy, communications and training to advance its mission and influence multiple audiences. Our offer includes virtual, in-person and mixed programs following a flipped learning logic that prioritizes co-creation methodologies. The functions of the team that makes up School D include curricular design, methodological design, design of pedagogical materials, facilitation, evaluation, monitoring and learning of training programs aimed at multiple audiences.

## APPLICANT PROFILE

People interested in being School D fellows must demonstrate their commitment to the defense of human rights, especially in the Global South, and sensitivity to working in the service of historically excluded populations. They must have excellent relationship skills, willingness to collaborate with multiple actors and flexibility to contribute to projects with different thematic and methodological approaches. Ideally, we are looking for people with training in pedagogy, popular education or organizational development and skills in curriculum design, design of pedagogical materials, management of virtual learning systems or community management. We are looking for a person willing to imagine, learn, support the achievement of collective results, innovate and strengthen our educational offer.

## FUNCTIONS

1. Support in the construction of methodologies for training and co-creation spaces.
2. Support in the internationalization strategy of School D and the establishment of strategic alliances with other organizations.

# EDITORIAL



## **DESCRIPTION**

The publishing house began in 2006 as an attempt to organize the content that was being generated, since the “report for the funder” format was not enough to have practical use. It is about interconnecting the investigative processes with the very disparate and broad audiences with which it works: (i) those who make decisions, (ii) the citizens in general, (iii) the community directly involved and (iv) the CSOs (Civil Society Organizations) that work in the field.

## **APPLICANT PROFILE**

Professional in translation, preferring English, with fluency in Spanish, or in philology or book publishing with fluency in Spanish.

## **FUNCTIONS**

- 1.** Support the work of the institutional, communications and editorial area in the translation of texts into English, which include: operating documents, texts for the blog and web portal and creation and improvement of metadata for publications in the English language.
- 2.** Support the publisher in the arts review phase of books published in the English language and improve editing processes.

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