

# UNIVERSITY OF Nebraska Omaha



## **BOLD Academic Fellowship on Civic Engagement Montenegro Application**

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

### **Introduction**

### **BOLD (Balkanski omladinski lideri – Young Balkan Leaders) Civic Engagement Fellowship Program**

### **Eligibility Criteria**

In collaboration with the U.S. Embassy in Podgorica's Office of Public Affairs, the UNO BOLD Institute on Civic Engagement team will identify, recruit, and nominate a

group of BOLD Fellows from Montenegro.

To be eligible to apply for the 2023 cohort, you must meet all the criteria below:

- Must be between ages 18-25 at the program start
- Must have a permanent residence in Montenegro
- Must be a current student or a recent university graduate in Montenegro
- Must have civic engagement ideas for a project in their community that can be implemented within five months after their return from the United States.
- Must be willing to become part of a larger network and cooperate with their counterparts across Montenegro and the rest of the Balkans
- Little or no prior experience in the U.S.
- Must be present in Montenegro for follow-on project implementation from September 2023 – January 2024

## **Program Timeline**

- Call for applications opens: December 15, 2022
- Call for applications closes: March 3, 2023
- Interviews with selected semifinalists: April 2023
- Notification of finalists: By the first week of May 2023
- Pre-departure virtual sessions: May 15-June 15, 2023
- Five-week academic residency and educational tour in

the US: August 13–September 16

– Action Plan implementation: September 16, 2023–January 31, 2024 Upon return to their country, with the assistance of our program staff, all BOLD Fellows from Montenegro will immediately receive seed funding to carry out their projects by January 31, 2024

## **Applicant Information**

Upload Passport Photo (File size less than 500KB)

*\*The image can be a current or expired passport. If you do not have a passport, upload an image of your government issued ID.*

## **Applicant's Full Name:**

*\*Please put your full name as written on your passport.*

Last Name:

First Name:

## Gender:

*\*Please indicate your gender.*

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Not specify

## Place of Birth:

*\*Please put your place of birth as written on your passport.*

## Date of Birth (MM, DD, YYYY):

## Country of Birth:

## Citizenship:

## Current Place of Residence:

Address:

City:

Country:

Postal Code:

## Contact Information:

Phone:

Email:

Emergency Contact Phone:

Emergency Contact Name and  
Relationship:

## **Medical, Dietary, Disability and other Personal Considerations:**

*\*Please describe any pre-existing medical conditions, or any other dietary or personal considerations. This will not affect applicant's eligibility but will enable the host institution to make any necessary accommodations.*

## **Academic Credentials**

### **Current Year at University**

1st

☐

2nd

☐

3rd

☐

4th

☐

Graduated

☐

Still in High

School

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### **Academic Major, Institution/University (if applicable)**

Major

Institution/University

City and Country

Degree (Bachelor's or Master's)

Graduation Date (Past or Prospective)

Please Attach your latest transcript or diploma, if you are a recent graduate.

## **Work Experience**

**Work Experience, including full-time and part-time employment:**

1.

Dates:

Title of the institution:

Job title:

Work Experience, including full-time and part-time employment:

2.

Dates:

Title of the institution:

Job title:

Work Experience, including full-time and part-time employment:

3.

Dates:



Title of the institution:

Job title:

## **Internship & Volunteer Experience**

### **Internship and Volunteer Experience:**

1.

Dates:

Title of the institution:

Job title:

### Internship and Volunteer Experience:

2.

Dates:

Title of the institution:

Job title:

Internship and Volunteer Experience:

3.

Dates:

Title of the institution:

Job title:

## **Membership in Associations and Clubs**

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1.

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Association:

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Dates:

Association:

Position:

## Previous Visit to the United States:

**Have you previously visited the U.S. for any reason?**

Yes  
☐

No  
☐

Please answer the following questions about your visit to the U.S.

Dates of Visit:

Purpose of Visit:

## **Family Residing in the United States:**

### **Family Residing in the United States:**

*Do you have close family residing in the U.S.?*

Yes  
☐

No  
☐

Please list the family member's name, city and state  
(Example: John Doe - Chicago, IL)

## **Evidence of English Language Fluency:**

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Please note below if you have taken a language proficiency test, lived abroad, or taken English language course. If you have taken a language proficiency test, please provide the date it was taken and your test score. If you have not taken any tests, please indicate your level of English language proficiency based on the courses you might have taken at school or other language-learning institutions.

Response 500 words max.

Attach one letter of recommendation in English.

*Preferably, this letter should come from someone that can attest to your civic engagement work or interests.*

## **Personal Statement**

### **Personal Statement:**

Tell us about yourself, your civic engagement experience, and your aspirations. Why do you want to participate in the BOLD Academic Fellowship on Civic Engagement? What do you hope to gain from this experience?

*Response 500 words max.*

## **Brief Project Proposal**

### **Brief Project Proposal:**

As part of the BOLD Academic Fellowship, participants will develop and implement an Action Plan for a project that addresses a civic engagement issue in their community. This could be a plan to enhance an existing project or create a new one. Please answer the following questions:

What is the civic engagement problem/issue you wish to address? Why is this an important issue to address? Who is the target population you intend to serve? What are some of the main goals/objectives for the project? What key activities do you envision? Estimate your budget.

*Response 500 words max.*

Are you planning to be in Montenegro from September 2023 to the end of January 2024?

## **Statement of Applicant**

By signing below, I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in all parts of my application is true, accurate, and complete, I understand that any falsification, misrepresentation, or omission may result in

the withdrawal of the application or termination. In addition, I understand acceptance to the BOLD Academic Fellowship is subject to the policies of the BOLD Program. I understand that additional information may be requested and, if I am selected for the Fellowship, the terms of my acceptance could be altered based on those materials.

Full Name

Date

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