Pilot Program 2019
LAC New Leaders Training

Applications open until April 24, 2019, 18:00 UTC

Introduction

For The Internet Society, the role that people play in our community is vital and key to carry our message in favor of an open, globally-connected, secure, and trustworthy Internet for everyone. We know that without the knowledge, experience and contributions of our membership we could not be complete as The Internet Society.

One of the main values of The Internet Society community lies in the contributions of its members. For this reason, the Chapters of the Latin American and Caribbean region have come together to offer and implement a training program that allows their members to work actively with their local Chapter, contributing from the four focal areas of the Action Plan 2019 of The Internet Society. Therefore, we gladly present the Pilot Program: Training for New Chapter Leaders 2019.

About the program

The program was born as a joint effort of the Chapters of the Latin America and the Caribbean region. It is based on the development of capacities for new leaders in the different focus areas of the Action Plan 2019 of The Internet Society. The program includes a total of 180 scholarships that cover 100% of the cost of the training.

Objective

The main objective of the program is to develop new leaders in the community who can work closely with their local Chapter and have the appropriate knowledge to adopt the narrative and tone of voice of The Internet Society, as well as develop the four focus areas of the Action Plan 2019 of The Internet Society.

About the instructors

As part of the training process, the program will have instructors for each of the 2019 focus areas. The people who will carry out this task belong to the region and have extensive experience in the topics to be developed. In addition, we will be involving special sessions with experts from The Internet Society staff.
Topics

Those interested in being part of the program have the option of being trained in any of the following areas, bearing in mind that it is only possible to choose one per person. Please note that all the courses will be offered in English.

- Internet Governance
- Community Networks
- Internet Technical Security
- IoT for Policymakers

Requirements to apply

- Be a member of an Internet Society Chapter in the Latin America and the Caribbean region.
- Complete the form before April 24, 2019.
- Be willing to cooperate and support your local Chapter.
- Not having received an Internet Society scholarship in the last 2 years. This includes programs such as Next Generation Leaders or IGF Ambassadors.
- Have knowledge and experience demonstrated in the selected area.
- A commitment of 3-5 hours per week for 2.5 months.
- Commitment to create a video or virtual or face-to-face seminar at the end of the course. This activity will allow the fellowship holder to share with the local community the knowledge acquired during the course and will be carried out in coordination with their Chapter and instructor.
- Priority will be given to people who have actively participated in the activities of their Chapter.

Duration and certification requirements

The plan has a maximum duration of 2 months and 1 week (depending on the selected theme). As a mandatory requirement, the fellowship holder will share the knowledge acquired with their community through the development of a video or virtual or face-to-face seminar. The fellowship holder will receive the certificate once he has finished and delivered the video / virtual seminar / face-to-face seminar to the Chapter and instructor, according to the guidelines established during the program.

Training format

All sessions will be virtual through the Zoom platform.

Hours and days of training

It will be agreed between the instructor and the fellowship recipients prior to the beginning of the training process. All sessions will be recorded. If a person cannot attend a session, they must validate their participation through a questionnaire. Additionally, he must complete the tasks or assignments assigned by the instructor in the corresponding session. Fellowship holders can only validate a maximum of 2 sessions in this way.

Evaluation

The minimum qualification to pass will be 70 on a scale of 100. The aspects that will make up the evaluation are:

- 40% Video or face-to-face seminar or virtual seminar.
- 40% Participation and attendance.
- 20% Homework and additional tasks.

Total of people awarded by Chapter
Each Chapter must select a total of 12 fellows (Caribbean)

- 3 fellows for Internet Governance (2 from the Community and 1 from the Board)
- 3 fellows for Community Networks (2 from the Community and 1 from the Board)
- 3 fellows for Technical Security (2 from the Community and 1 from the Board)
- 3 fellows for IoT and Public Policy (2 from the Community and 1 from the Board)

Selection criteria

The applications will be opened regionally, however, each Chapter will define its selection criteria and fellows by defining a Chapter internal committee.

Webinar and videos requirements

Will be provided during the training sessions.

Timeline

Will be provided during the training sessions.

April 24 (18 UTC) Application period close
May 13-15 Selected fellows are notified
May 16-18 Selected fellows confirm their participation
May 27 – July 5 Training sessions are held
July 8-18 Fellows send their videos and webinars
July 22-25 Certificates are distributed to fellows

Link for applications

Please fill the following link to apply to any current fellowship: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LACENG

Questions

You can direct your questions to your local Chapter.