

# What is the JusticeMakers Competition?

International Bridges to Justice seeks to build a community of the best and brightest agents in the field of legal reform through JusticeMakers Fellows. The Competition supports human rights defenders by providing winning JusticeMakers Fellows with fellowships to implement their innovative projects to promote criminal justice at national and local levels. Having local human rights advocates run projects on the ground has been a truly effective method of reaching out and supporting those in need.

## 2018 JusticeMakers Access to Justice Competition in Syria

IBJ is looking to support innovative projects that reflect our mission in seeking to provide early access to counsel and prevent torture and abuses within the Syrian criminal justice system. 5 JusticeMakers Fellows will receive an award of \$2,000 each to implement their projects in Syria. Additionally, JusticeMakers Fellows enjoy IBJ's resources that prepare them to be future project leaders.

### **Judging Criteria**

Applicants for JusticeMakers Fellowships will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- <u>Innovation</u>. The project idea exhibits a creative and relatively new idea that will improve the protection of legal rights of accused people within the applicant's respective country or local community.
- Relevance. The project idea offers solutions to problems/challenges in respective legal systems in terms of implementation of the legal rights of accused people.
- Urgency. The project idea seeks to address problems that demand immediate attention.
- Practicability. The implementation of the project idea is feasible and training support from Singapore will be a major factor in its sustained impact.
- <u>Efficacy</u>. The project idea is focused and designed to produce the desired impact within a oneyear time frame.
- <u>Collaboration</u>. The project idea works jointly with domestic groups, institutions, legal
  workers, judges, prosecutors, police, prison officials, prison guards, and other individuals, etc.
  in accomplishing its goals.
- Repeatable. The project idea shows a potential for being repeated and expanded.
- <u>Sustainability</u>. The project presents funding and resource suggestions, which would allow the program to continue after the end of the initial award.
- <u>Inspiration</u>. The project idea includes methods that inspire change and continue to improve legal systems even after the JusticeMakers award period ends.

#### Meet the JusticeMakers Fellows

Learn more about IBJ's 69 previous <u>JusticeMaker Fellow winners</u> around the world who have made a difference by providing early access to justice to the most vulnerable in their communities.

#### Apply now

Applications are now open for JusticeMaker Fellows in Syria, please complete the <u>form</u> and apply by **27**<sup>th</sup> **July 2018**. Applications can be completed in English or Arabic.