



Creative Associates International's Charito Krivant Scholarship for Electoral Excellence

Creative Associate International's Charito Krivant Scholarship for Electoral Excellence is an annual scholarship award granted to two female students of the Master in Electoral Policy and Administration (MEPA) online program of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (School of Advanced Studies) in Pisa, Italy.

Each year, Creative will award two students a 5,000-euro scholarship to cover half of the full tuition of the program. Students may be eligible for other support directly from the program. The scholarship will be awarded twice a year in 2019, 2020 and 2021. The first awards are scheduled for April and October of 2019.

To be eligible, applicants should be:

1. Accepted into the MEPA program;
2. Women dedicated to promoting women's participation and leadership in executive electoral administration positions; and
3. Residents in one of the countries categorized as least developed.

While preference will be given to applicants who are currently employed with an Electoral Management Body, those engaged with civil society organizations will also be considered.

To apply, applicants must:

1. Write a one-page cover letter detailing your interest in and qualifications for the scholarship.
2. Provide a curriculum vitae outlining eligibility and qualifications.
3. Write a 1,000-word essay on what you see as the major challenge in electoral administration in their country and how they would go about meeting this challenge and improving the conduct of elections. Challenges can be administrative, legal, security-related, or political in nature. Applicants will be judged on the incisiveness of the description of the challenge(s), and the innovative quality of the solutions that they proposed.

The female staff of Creative's [Electoral Education and Integrity Practice Area](#) will judge the essays and make selection recommendations.

With their successful graduation from the program, scholarship recipients are requested to write a blog on [Creative's website](#) about their experience in the MEPA program and how it supported them in their career objectives. Graduates will also be encouraged to liaise with other alumni, particularly other women in the scholarship program.

Application materials should be submitted by Feb. 20, 2019 to awards@creativcdc.com. Notification of award decisions will be made by March 15, 2019. For questions, please contact Phoebe Bierly (PhoebeB@creativcdc.com).