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OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS, NY
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The Open Society Foundations work to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens. To achieve this mission, the Foundations seek to shape public policies that assure greater fairness in political, legal, and economic systems and safeguard fundamental rights. On a local level, the Open Society Foundations implement a range of initiatives to advance justice, education, public health, and independent media. At the same time, we build alliances across borders and continents on issues such as corruption and freedom of information. The Foundations place a high priority on protecting and improving the lives of people in marginalized communities.

Investor and philanthropist George Soros established the Open Society Foundations, starting in 1984, to help countries make the transition from communism. Our activities have grown to encompass the United States and more than 70 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Each foundation relies on the expertise of boards composed of eminent citizens who determine individual agendas based on local priorities.

The Open Society Foundations seek a Director of U.S. Programs. For the past decade and a half, the Foundations have conducted a broad range of programs in the United States addressing such issues as civil liberties, criminal justice, drug policy, racial and social equality, electoral reform, immigration fairness and professionalism in law, medicine and journalism. The Director of U.S. Programs plays a leading role in developing these programs and manages a capable, collegial and talented staff in implementing them.

To direct its U.S. Programs, the Foundations seek a strategic thinker with a deep knowledge and understanding of public policy development and at least ten years of experience in responsible positions in non-profit organizations, foundations, and government or academic institutions. She/he should have a demonstrated capacity to manage the work of a team of professionals and to provide leadership to them in thinking about and dealing with the full range of significant public policy issues with which they are concerned. She/he reports to the President of the Open Society Foundations and will work closely with the Chairman and the members of the Board of the Foundations with whom the Director will collaborate in developing strategy and direction for the work of U.S. Programs. The Director of U.S. Programs should be able to serve as a public spokesperson for the Open Society Foundations and to articulate Foundations concerns effectively in dealing with grantees, other funders, academic audiences and, from time to time, journalists writing about the issues that the Foundations address.

Compensation: Commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits package

Start: December 2011

To Apply

Qualified candidates should send a CV, a two or three page cover letter, describing your interests and experience, and one writing sample such as an article or a detailed memorandum on a public policy issue with which OSI is concerned, no later than **July 15, 2011** to: humanresources@sorosny.org Include job code in subject line: **USP/DIR**

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