

### International Human Rights Training Program

June 4 - 23, 2017

# **Application Process**

### **Instruction Guide**



**Application deadline: November 21, 2016** 

## How to apply?



In September 2016, Equitas launched ContactEquitas, a new database that will facilitate the application process of the International Human Rights Training Program (IHRTP).

In order to help you through your IHRTP application, Equitas has prepared this guide to walk you through the 4 different steps.

Remember that once you have a username and a password, you can access or modify your application as often as you want until you submit it.

We highly encourage you to submit your application in advance of the final deadline in order to ensure a timely processing.

### Follow the 4 steps!



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## **Create your ContactEquitas account**

Registering for the first time

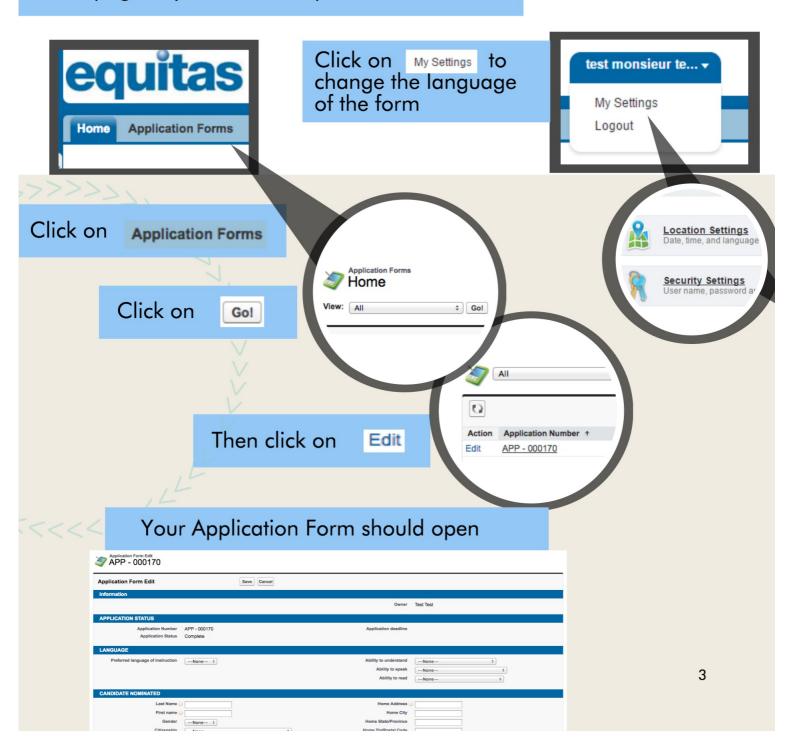
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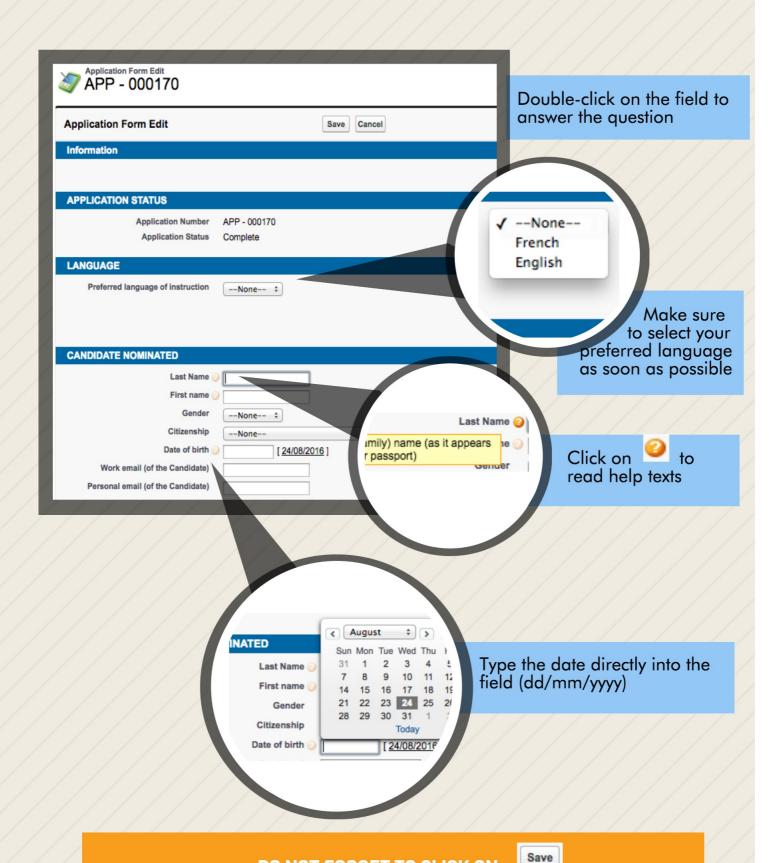
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### **Complete your Application Form**

After signing up, you should access the welcome page of your ContactEquitas account





DO NOT FORGET TO CLICK ON regularly to ensure that your information is properly saved as well as whenever you want to leave the page or when you are finished.

## **About the Candidates**

For further information about the IHRTP objectives and schedule, please consult the Program Information document on the website.



### Candidate Profile

### May I apply if I am a volunteer with an organization but not actively employed?

Volunteers may apply for the IHRTP if they can demonstrate that they have been actively involved in the organization for at least two years. The volunteer candidates must also be:

- Able to influence the human rights education activities carried out by the organization,
- Familiar with international human rights principles and instruments;
- Willing to transmit lessons acquired at the IHRTP to his/her colleagues and other concerned parties;

### May I apply if I am not affiliated with an organization?

You may submit an application if you are not affiliated with an organization. You must explain how you plan to use your IHRTP training in your Application Form. If you are unable to complete the Memorandum of Agreement, we require that you to write a separate letter explaining how you plan to make use of your IHRTP training in an individual work plan.

### May I apply if I have been working with an organization for less than two years?

Unfortunately, only candidates that have worked with their organization as employees or volunteers for a minimum of two years may apply to the IHRTP.

### Application Form

### May more than one person apply from a single organization?

There is no limit to the number of candidates that can apply from a single organization. However, Equitas recommends that each organization selects one or two candidates beforehand as being the most likely to benefit from the IHRTP training. Organizations must also bear in mind that there are a limited number of IHRTP spaces and scholarships.

### May I apply if my previous application was unsuccessful?

You are welcome to apply to the IHRTP if your previous application was unsuccessful, or if you were unable to attend. Please note that reapplying will require submitting a new application with new documents for 2017, as to ensure that the evaluation of your application takes into consideration new information you will have provided.

### May I apply to the IHRTP if I have participated in another Equitas training program?

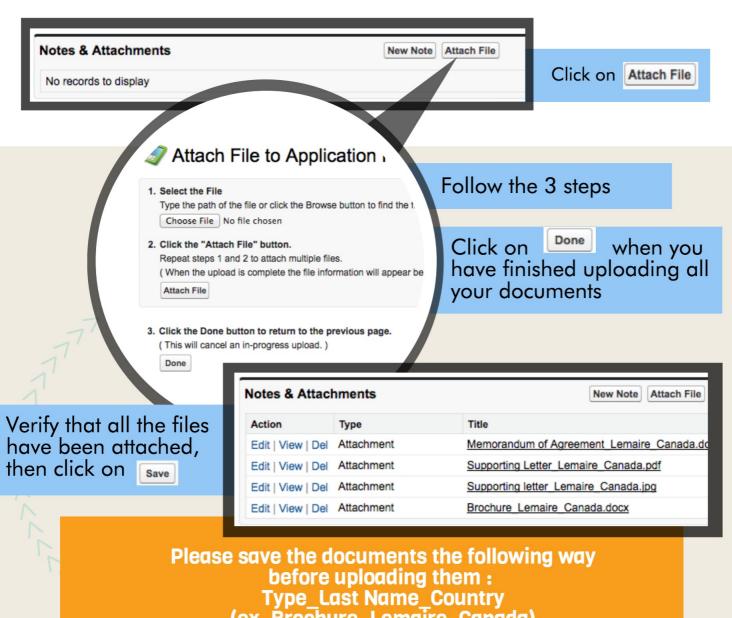
You may apply to the IHRTP if you have participated in another Equitas training program. However, individuals who have participated in Equitas' sub-regional human rights training sessions in East and West Africa are not eligible to apply to the IHRTP.



### Upload the required documents

See the list of required document p.7

After saving your Application Form, go to the bottom of the page.



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**About the required documents** 

### Your application must include:

- The completed online application form
- The Memorandum of Agreement
- Two letters of reference
- A brochure of your organization



### Memorandum of Agreement

#### Where can I find Equitas Memorandum of Agreement?

The Memorandum of Agreement is a document that needs to be signed by the director of your organization. It can be found on the Equitas website as well as in the attachment to an email sent to you when you registered to ContactEquitas for the first time.

### Who must sign the Memorandum of Agreement if I do not work for an organization?

If you do not work for an organization and thus are unable to complete the Memorandum of Agreement, we require that you write a separate letter explaining how you plan to make use of your IHRTP training in an individual work plan.

### Who must sign the Memorandum of Agreement if I am the Director of my organization?

If you are the Director of your organization, your Memorandum of Agreement must be signed by the President of your organization's Board of Directors.

### Letters of Reference

#### Who can write my letters of reference?

The two required letters of reference must be written by a national or international human rights organizations familiar with your work and/or that of your organization. Neither of these letters may be written by your own organization.

#### **Brochure**

#### What should the Brochure contain?

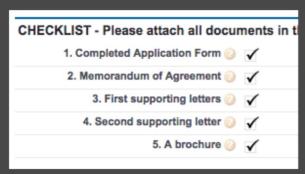
The brochure should describe the work of your organization. It can be the organization's mission statement or an annual report that gives information about your organization's mission, objectives, activities, etc.

#### Can I submit only the Website link of my organization?

To facilitate the selection process, the Equitas team would prefer receiving PDF versions of specific pages of the organization's website.

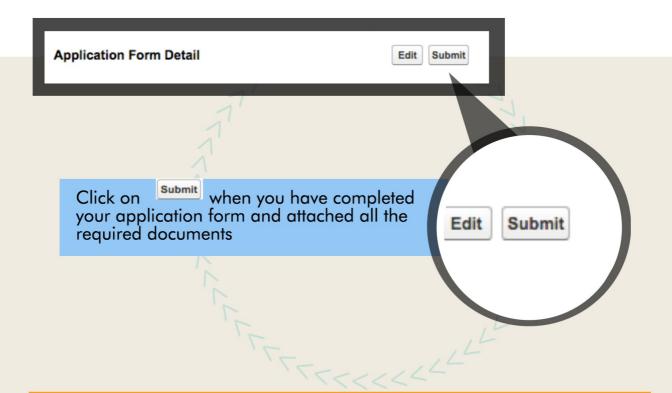


### **Submit your application**



Make sure you have all the required documents by checking the boxes

Click on Save



Once your application is submitted, you should receive a message confirming the reception of your application (check your junkmail).

The IHRTP team should then send you an email in the following days to confirm that your application is complete and that all the documents you sent comply with the requirements.

### About the selection and fees

For further information about selection criteria, participation fees, and bursaries, please consult the Program Information document



### **Selection Process**

### How does the selection process take place?

A selection committee examines all applications. Decisions are made based on the criteria described in the Program information document, with consideration given to the proportionate representation of women and men, and to geographical diversity.

#### When will I know if I have been selected?

International candidates selected to participate in the 2017 IHRTP will be notified at the end of February 2017.

### Can I obtain a letter of invitation before the selection takes place?

While we understand that the procedures to obtain a Canadian visa and program financing can often be lengthy and complex, letters of invitation can only be delivered once a candidate is selected to participate in the IHRTP. All applications to participate in the IHRTP must be evaluated by Equitas before any official letters of invitation are provided for individual candidates.

### Fees, Financing, and Bursaries

### Are scholarships available to cover expenses?

Thanks to financial support from Global Affairs Canada, Equitas is able to offer a limited number of full and partial scholarships to candidates whose profiles correspond the most to the selection criteria. Due to the limited number of scholarships and to certain geographical constraints, candidates selected for the IHRTP are not guaranteed to receive financial assistance through an Equitas scholarship.

#### How do I pay my participation fees?

If you are selected for the IHRTP and are required to pay a portion or all of your program fees, a bill will be sent to you containing all necessary payment information.

#### What is your refund policy if I am unable to obtain my Canadian visa in time?

If you are unable to obtain your Canadian visa in time for the IHRTP and have already paid your program fees, the Equitas team will contact you to proceed with the reimbursement process for funds received.

### **Information and Support**

For further information on the IHRTP or for technical support during your application process:

Send us an email at pifdh-ihrtp@equitas.org

Call us at 1-514-954-0382, ext. 239

Contact us at 666 Sherbrooke St. West, Suite 1100 Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H3A 1E7

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