A. Selection criteria for scholarship/fellowship recipients (in order):
- Demonstrated interest in and commitment to human rights and democratisation;
- Strong academic background and/or research ability;
- High likelihood of passing
- Relevant professional experience;
- High quality research / study output
- Support for People without access to higher education in human rights,
- Prospective contribution to the field of human rights and democratisation in the UNTL Human Rights Center and in Timor Leste

B. Further criteria
- Gender balance
- Regional/territorial representation

C. Assessing Applications
Each Applicant is marked out of 10. The assessment scale applied will be the following:

- 9+: should be given a scholarship/acceptance
- 7-8.5 likely scholarship/acceptance, at least shortlisted, but further discussion
- 6-7.5: Unlikely to be accepted, but open to further discussion
- Below 6: not accepted into program