

University of California Human Rights Fellowship

The Human Rights Center, UC Berkeley is pleased to announce the annual competition for student fellowships with human rights organizations. Registered students at UC Berkeley, Graduate Theological Union, UC Davis, Hastings College of Law, UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz, and UC San Diego are eligible, with priority given to graduate and returning students. The amount of the fellowship stipend will be \$4,500.

These awards will enable students to carry out clearly defined fieldwork, domestically or internationally, with human rights organizations related to a student's area of study. The purpose of the fellowship is to provide students with an opportunity to contribute to the work of human rights organizations while also gaining practical experience that may influence the students' areas of research or academic focus. The fellowship program welcomes multi-disciplinary approaches to human rights fieldwork. Students are encouraged to publish the results of their fieldwork. Preference will be given to graduate students and returning students. Prior recipients of Human Rights Center fellowships are not eligible.

The Fellowships

The human rights fellowships are student-initiated, i.e., students must identify the governmental or non-governmental organizations with whom they will work, the human rights issue to be addressed, and the parameters, objectives, goals and expected outcomes of their proposed fieldwork. However, on some occasions, human rights organizations in need of assistance will contact the Human Rights Center, UC Berkeley. This information will be posted on our website: <http://hrc.berkeley.edu>.

The fellowship includes:

- an orientation to prepare fellows for their summer fieldwork (early May)
- a \$4,500 stipend to support their fieldwork
- an informal mid-term report from the field
- an informal get together upon the fellows' return from the field (late September)
- a formal conference held during the fall semester (early November)
- a formal report due at the end of the year

Fellows are expected to participate in all fellowship activities. Events will take place at UC Berkeley. Travel stipends will be available for fellows traveling from other campuses.

The Application Procedure

A complete application includes:

- 1) A completed application cover sheet
- 2) A *curriculum vitae*/resume, indicating all experience (academic studies, fieldwork, volunteer work, and paid work) relevant to the fellowship
- 3) Statement of Purpose (2–5 pages, doubled-spaced, 12-point font), describing your interest in the award. This section of the application should address the following questions:
 - What human rights issue will be addressed?
 - Why is this a critical issue?
 - How do you propose to address this issue (methodology)?
 - Why are you interested in addressing this issue? Do you have a particular interest/expertise/experience?
 - What are the objectives/goals/expected outcomes of your proposed fieldwork?
 - How will these outcomes be measured or evaluated?
 - How will the fellowship build on your current academic interests?
 - What role will the fellowship play in your long-term career plans?
 - How will your fieldwork contribute to the sponsoring organization's ongoing mission/goals in the local area?
- 4) Letters of recommendation from two faculty members who are in a position to affirm the value of the fellowship in the context of your academic work and interests.
- 5) A letter of support from the sponsoring governmental or non-governmental organization detailing the mission/goals of the organization and how your proposed fieldwork will contribute to its ongoing work.

* This information and a set of FAQs can also be found online at: <http://hrc.berkeley.edu>.

Deadline for Applications and All Supporting Documents **Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 4:00 PM.**

Applicants at UC Berkeley must submit four collated sets of the above materials (one original and 3 copies of each item) by the deadline to the Human Rights Center (460 Stephens Hall). Double-sided printing is appreciated. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants will be notified by the first week in April 2010.

Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects

If you intend to use the fellowship grant to conduct research that you will include in your thesis or dissertation, you should consider whether approval from the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) is necessary. For more information, please speak with your faculty advisor or visit your campus' CPHS website.

For more information and submission of applications:

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Student Status Undergrad _____ Grad _____ Year _____

Campus _____

School/Depart./Major _____

Faculty Advisor _____

Faculty Letters of Recommendation will be sent by

1) _____

2) _____

Proposed Departure Date _____

Proposed Return Date _____

Sponsoring Organization _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone #/Fax#/E-mail Address _____
