

### **University of California Human Rights Fellowship**

The Human Rights Center is pleased to announce the annual competition for student fellowships in partnership with organizations working on human rights issues. Registered students at UC Berkeley and the Graduate Theological Union are eligible, with priority given to graduate and returning students. Prior recipients of Human Rights Center fellowships are not eligible. 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 organizations working on human rights issues related to a student's area of study. Applicants must plan to spend at least 6-8 weeks working with a partner organization to qualify for the fellowship.

The purpose of the fellowship is to provide students with an opportunity to contribute to the organizations' work while also gaining practical experience that may influence the students' areas of research or academic focus. Partnerships with both governmental and non-governmental organizations are acceptable, so long as the affiliation enables the proposed human rights work. Multi-disciplinary approaches to human rights fieldwork are welcomed and fellows are encouraged to publish their results.

### **The Fellowships**

The human rights fellowships are student-initiated. Applicants must identify the organizations they will work with, the human rights issue to be addressed, and the parameters, objectives, goals and expected outcomes of their proposed fieldwork. Fundamental changes to accepted proposals (*e.g.*, different research topic, new partner organization, alternate location) are not permitted.

On some occasions, human rights organizations interested in hosting fellows do contact the Human Rights Center at UC Berkeley. This information will be posted on our website: <http://hrc.berkeley.edu>.

Fellows will receive a \$4,500 stipend to support their fieldwork. Fellows are expected to:

- Attend an orientation to prepare for summer fieldwork (April 27, 2012)
- Submit an informal mid-term report from the field (July/August)
- Attend an informal get together upon return from the field (September 21)
- Present at a formal conference held during the fall semester (November 1)
- Submit a final project (publishable article or video) at the end (December 1)

Fellows are expected to complete all assignments and participate in all fellowship events *in person*. (Videoconference and Skype are *not* acceptable means of participation.) Events will take place at UC Berkeley. Travel stipends will be available for fellows traveling from other campuses.

### **A complete application includes:**

- 1) A completed application cover sheet and signed application checklist.
- 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 partner organization's ongoing mission/goals in the local area?
- 4) Two letters of recommendation from persons (at least one a UC professor, preferably your advisor if you have one) in a position to affirm the value of the fellowship in the context of your academic work and interests. Letters may be addressed to Fellowship Director Kristin Reed.
- 5) A letter of support from the partner 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>. Be sure to read the FAQs before sending questions to Fellowship Director Kristin Reed ([kreed@berkeley.edu](mailto:kreed@berkeley.edu)).

\*\* Recommendation letters (for Berkeley applicants only) may be sent by email directly to: [hrfellowrec@law.berkeley.edu](mailto:hrfellowrec@law.berkeley.edu).

### **Deadline for Applications and All Supporting Documents**

Thursday, February 23, 2012 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 (2850 Telegraph Ave., Suite 500). Double-sided printing is appreciated. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants will be notified by the first week in April 2012.

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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phonetic Pronunciation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail 1: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

U. S. Citizen/Resident Y N If not, Visa Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Status: Undergrad \_\_\_\_ Grad \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_ Campus \_\_\_\_\_

School/Depart./Major \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Letters of Recommendation will be sent by:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Departure (MM/DD) \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Return (MM/DD) \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #/Fax#/E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Please read, initial and sign below – and turn in with your completed application.*

**Application Materials**

I have included the following in my application (*initial in box*):

- Cover Sheet
- Resume/CV
- Statement of Purpose
- Letter of Support from Partner Organization
- First Recommendation Letter (Faculty)
- Second Recommendation Letter (Faculty/Work Colleague)

**Fellowship Requirements**

- I understand that fundamental changes to accepted proposals (*e.g.*, different research topic, new partner organization, alternate location) are not permitted.
- I agree to:
  - Attend an orientation to prepare for summer fieldwork (April 27, 2012)\*
  - Submit an informal mid-term report from the field (July/August)
  - Attend an informal get together upon return from the field (September 21)\*
  - Present at a formal conference held during the fall semester (November 1)\*
  - Submit a final project (publishable article or video) at the end (December 1)

\* Attendance is required at these events *in person*.
- I understand that fellows are expected to complete all assignments on time and participate in all fellowship events *in person*. (Video-conference and Skype are *not* acceptable means of participation.) Events will take place at UC Berkeley.
- I certify that I will to spend at least 6-8 weeks working with partner organization.
- I certify that, if my project requires travel, I am able to travel alone and this project is not dependent upon a travel partner.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_