

The Sexual Violence & Accountability Project at the Human Rights Center seeks a graduate student applicant for a HRC Fellowship.

The Sexual Violence & Accountability Project works to improve access to justice, protection, and support for those fearing or fleeing sexual and gender-based violence through evidence-based research that informs policy and programming. We analyze legislation, investigative and prosecutorial practices, and judicial outcomes; we also assess the provision of medical or psychosocial support and witness protection or community intervention. In addition to studying individual capacities in health, legal, forensic, judicial, and community sectors, we look at ways the linkages between them can be strengthened for the benefit of the survivor. Finally, we seek to improve safe shelter and community-based protections for survivors by researching models and best practices found in various contexts around the world.

If selected as an HRC Fellow, the student will support the Project's 4-country study of safe shelters in forced displacement contexts. This will entail drafting research memos, conducting phone interviews with relevant experts, coding qualitative data obtained during fieldwork missions, and assisting HRC staff and consultants in drafting country reports and recommendations to the UN High Commission for Refugees.

Qualifications

The candidate should possess familiarity with the issues of sexual and gender-based violence, as well as qualitative research skills such as coding interview transcripts and analyzing qualitative data. Strong research and writing skills are critical.

The fellow should be available for ten full weeks in the summer of 2012.

Fellowship Opportunity

Interested applicants may seek to carry out this project with funding from the Human Rights Fellowship program. Regular application procedures apply; this project will be evaluated under the same criteria and priority level as all other fellowship applications. Human Rights Fellowship application and FAQs available at <http://hrc.berkeley.edu>. Direct specific questions regarding this project to the Fellowship Director at kreed@berkeley.edu.

The Human Rights Fellowship application deadline is February 23, 2012 at 4pm.