Apply for a Human Rights Center Fellowship to research the needs of survivors of human trafficking in Brazil

As part of our Fellowship Program that enables students from University of California campuses to work with human rights organizations globally, the Human Rights Center is offering a special 2016 UC Human Rights Center Fellowship to a UC Berkeley student interested in conducting research on the needs of teenagers who have survived human trafficking.

The 2016 fellowship is open to a qualified graduate or undergraduate student seeking to contribute knowledge and understanding about how NGOs and/or local government agencies are supporting children and adolescents as they return to a “normal life” after situations of sexual exploitation in the urban context of Brazil.

It is estimated that Brazil has some 30 million teenagers—one of the largest adolescent populations in the world. Given that children and adolescents who are likely to fall prey of trafficking are a marginalized, disenfranchised, vulnerable population to begin with, how are government agencies and NGOs looking at addressing the trauma victims face, and how are they providing tools for their development into healthy adults?

The fellowship provides a $5,000 stipend for a student who will spend six or more weeks working with a human rights organization focused in this area during summer 2016. Additional funds will be made available for applicants who can devote 10 or more weeks full time to this project. Applicants for this fellowship must provide a letter of commitment from a partner organization in Brazil. The application for the fellowship can be found here and is due by February 23, 2016. Terms of the year-long fellowship can also be found at this site. Applicants for this special, competitive fellowship will be considered separately from other Human Rights Fellowship applicants and notified in mid-March.

Questions about the Fellowship Program at the Human Rights Center can be directed to Fellowship Coordinator Julie Lagarde at jlagarde@berkeley.edu or 510.642-0965.