



## INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER

### 2019 International Human Rights Law Fellow Position Announcement

#### **About IJRC**

The International Justice Resource Center (IJRC) is a human rights organization working to improve justice and accountability for rights violations by making international legal protections more accessible to advocates and victims around the world. We are continually building a unique Online Resource Hub of educational materials and practical guides, which is used by people in more than 190 countries around the world. We have trained more than 250 lawyers and activists in international human rights law and advocacy, and have provided guidance and assistance in individual cases involving a broad range of rights. IJRC also contributes reports and analysis to advance the progressive interpretation of human rights law and to help ensure the transparent and independent functioning of human rights oversight bodies. Here at home, our efforts are focused on strengthening the human rights advocacy community, including through spearheading or supporting advocacy initiatives and organizing awareness-raising events.

IJRC is committed to ensuring equal opportunity for all employees and applicants and to maintaining a workplace environment free from discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability. We strongly encourage applications from members of underrepresented and minority groups, and are committed to maintaining a diverse staff.

IJRC is a non-profit organization recognized as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity. IJRC has ECOSOC special consultative status.

#### **Position Description**

The International Justice Resource Center (IJRC) welcomes applications from 3Ls and recent graduates for the 2019-20 International Human Rights Law Fellowship. The IHRL fellows play an integral role in IJRC's work and benefit from unique opportunities to gain varied and substantive experience in the field of international human rights law and advocacy. Fellowships may begin between August and November 2019, and are for a minimum of six months and maximum of two years.

Fellows will work closely with IJRC's legal staff in developing and implementing projects in IJRC's three service areas: international human rights legal research and practice tools, litigation and advocacy support to individuals and organizations, and trainings.

#### **Responsibilities**

Specific duties will depend on current projects and client needs, as well as the fellow's particular interests, but will generally include:

- legal research and writing on a range of human rights and international justice topics for published articles, manuals, and guides;
- contributing to practical tools and resources to assist human rights advocates in accessing international justice;
- formulating advice and guidance on international human rights litigation or advocacy for individual victims and advocacy organizations;
- assisting in the development and implementation of training programs on international human rights law and advocacy; and,
- liaising with other human rights organizations to familiarize them with IJRC's services and explore opportunities for collaboration.

Fellows will also participate in IJRC's awareness raising and outreach events, and may contribute to conceptualizing and creating unique resources and tools for our Online Resource Hub.

### **Education & Qualifications**

Applicants must be able to work in IJRC's San Francisco office on a full-time basis for the duration of the fellowship.

Desired Qualifications:

- J.D. or equivalent (by start of fellowship);
- fluency in English;
- excellent research and writing skills;
- coursework in international law;
- academic or professional experience in researching or applying international human rights law;
- an understanding of the international human rights framework;
- a demonstrated commitment to public interest work; and,
- a collaborative, creative, and enthusiastic approach.
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Where applicable, please also mention:

- foreign language skills;
- experience living or working abroad;
- significant international litigation or advocacy experience; or,
- relevant past or current work with human rights or social justice organizations.

IJRC will consider applications from all individuals who meet the minimum requirements.

### **To Apply**

Please note that fellowships are unpaid, but IJRC will assist qualified applicants as necessary in applying for external funding opportunities that the applicant has identified, such as through his or her law school. Many past fellows have successfully secured funding through their law school's public interest fellowship programs for one-year fellowships with IJRC.

To apply, please email a cover letter, resume, writing sample of no more than 10 pages, and list of three references to [ijrc@ijrcenter.org](mailto:ijrc@ijrcenter.org).

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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