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HUMAN RIGHTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR LLM STUDENTS AT NYU SCHOOL OF LAW

NYU School of Law offers myriad human rights opportunities for LL.M. students. Since many of these offerings go beyond the formal course listings, we briefly outline here some of the most important opportunities. Please feel free to download this [memo](#).

- LL.M. students are eligible for the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice's ("the Center") prestigious International Law and Human Rights Student Fellowship program. A number of LL.M. students are chosen each year to complete a coveted internship with an international body or human rights organization—such as the International Law Commission, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the OHCHR, People's Watch in India, the Legal Resources Center in South Africa, or the International Center for Transitional Justice—and to complete a substantial research paper growing out of that work experience. These internships, which commence following graduation, are fully funded. For a full listing of this year's placements, please visit: <http://www.chrgj.org/opportunities/fellowships.html>.
- LL.M. students are an integral part of the semester-long International Human Rights Clinic. The Clinic, taught by Professor Margaret Satterthwaite, explores multifaceted approaches to human rights advocacy in both domestic and international settings. Through seminar discussions, simulations and fieldwork, the course emphasizes practical skills, including investigating and documenting human rights violations; litigating on behalf of those who have suffered human rights abuses; advocating before United Nations, regional, and national human rights bodies; and engaging with global human rights campaigns. Students also address questions of ethical, political and professional accountability related to human rights work. Fieldwork focuses on a wide range of issues, such as: economic and social rights; human rights in the "war against terror"; and the human rights of marginalized groups. These projects give students an opportunity to participate in formulating policy and legal responses to current human rights problems. The clinic reserves spaces specifically for graduate students who can devote 6 credits to the clinic. For more information about the work of the clinic or application information, please visit: <http://www.law.nyu.edu/academics/clinics/semester/ihr-sem/index.htm> Please note that in the 2010-2011 academic year the clinic will be offered in both the Fall and Spring semesters.

- Graduate students with particular interest in specific Center advocacy or research projects may enroll in Directed Research under the supervision of one of the Center's Faculty Directors. LL.M.s may receive credit for their work on such projects. This provides an ideal opportunity to develop an in-depth scholarly analysis of an issue under the direct supervision of Professors Alston, Goodman, Narula, or Satterthwaite, or another faculty expert in the relevant area.
- LL.M. students are invited to participate in the Center's annual Emerging Human Rights Scholarship conference. The conference encourages scholarly inquiry into human rights topics at the law school and assists students to develop significant contributions to human rights research. Inaugurated in 2003, the Conference provides a unique opportunity for NYU School of Law J.D., LL.M. and J.S.D. students to receive substantive feedback on their human rights work from Center Faculty, Staff and Global Visitors. Several students are selected each year to present their papers at the half-day conference, and the best paper from each Conference is selected for publication in the Center's Working Paper series. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nyuhr.org/opportunities/conference.html>
- LL.M. students are also eligible to participate in a voluntary capacity in a number of ongoing Center research and advocacy projects.
- LL.M. students may participate in one of several International Moot Competitions. In the last few years, students at NYU have participated in the Concours Jean Pictet and the new International Criminal Court Moot Competition, among others. For more information, please visit: <http://www.iilj.org/profexperience/Jean-PictetonCompetitionHumanitarianLaw.asp>
- LL.M. students can participate in Law Students for Human Rights (LSHR), NYU's largest and most active student organization. LSHR engages in exciting advocacy projects for human rights organizations around the world. LL.M. students with particular expertise often supervise teams of J.D. students on projects of their choosing. Graduate students also participate in LSHR's "Alternative Spring Break" program, which affords the opportunity to participate in a week-long internship with a public interest organization. For more information about LSHR, please visit: <http://www.law.nyu.edu/studentorganizations/lawstudentsforhumanrights/>