

2012 INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

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I am applying for an internship placement at (please check or highlight one, two or three of the following):

- Association for Civil Rights, Buenos Aires
- Association for Civil Rights in Israel, Jerusalem
- Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust, Dhaka
- Defence for Children International-Sierra Leone, Freetown
- Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights, Cairo
- European Roma Rights Centre, Budapest
- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (Office of the Co-Prosecutors), Phnom Penh
- Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa, Banjul
- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Washington, DC
- Interights, International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights, London
- International Center for Transitional Justice, Beirut
- International Center for Transitional Justice, Bogotá
- International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, The Hague
- International Women’s Rights Action Watch-Asia Pacific, Kuala Lumpur
- Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, Nairobi
- Legal Resources Centre (Constitutional Litigation Unit), Johannesburg
- Migrant Justice Programme, Maha Chai or Chiang Mai
- People’s Watch, Tamil Nadu
- Rainbow Rights Project, Manila
- Refugee Law Project, Kampala
- Timap for Justice, Sierra Leone
- UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Amman
- UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva
- UN International Law Commission, Geneva
- UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Phnom Penh
- UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon, The Hague
- Vikalp Women’s Group, Baroda, Gujarat

Please Note:

- *By separate application, LLM students may also apply for the International Finance and Development Fellowship, which also includes internships.*
- *By separate application which will be available in late January 2012, JD students eligible for PILC summer funding may apply for an internship at The Hague Conference on Private International Law*

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of the Fellowship Program as described herein and agree to comply with and be bound by them. I agree to accept the Fellowship if it is awarded to me and to undertake the particular internship placement to which I am assigned from among those for which I have indicated I am applying.

Signature (actual not digital)

Date

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (CHRGJ) is pleased to announce the 2012 Fellowships in International Law and Human Rights. The Program is coordinated by CHRGJ with the Institute for International Law and Justice (IILJ), with support from the Public Interest Law Center (PILC).

The International Law and Human Rights Fellowship Program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to gain education in the theory and practice of international law and human rights law.

Persons who are currently enrolled, full-time, first-year JD, second-year JD, LLM and JSD students at NYU School of Law, including NYU@NUS, are eligible to apply. It is anticipated that approximately 30 Fellows will be selected.

This year, as part of fellowship activities, students may apply for summer internship placements with the following organizations:

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Students may apply for internships at up to three (3) placement sites. A separate Statement of Interest must be prepared for each internship placement site applied for. For more information, see 'Application' below.

Financial support from New York University School of Law for summer internships at the organizations noted above is available only to students selected as International Law and Human Rights Fellows.

2. INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS

A brief introduction to each internship placement organization follows. Interested students should seek additional information from the websites noted, as well as from internship reports available on PILC's website about many of the organizations. In addition, contact information for past Fellows will be provided. **All internships are subject to the approval of the Fellow by each internship placement organization before an internship can be finalized.**

Association for Civil Rights (Asociación por los Derechos Civiles, ADC), Buenos Aires, Argentina (1 student)

ADC is a non-partisan NGO working to guarantee respect for civil and constitutional rights in Argentina and in Latin America. Since 1995, ADC has used precedent-setting public interest litigation to reverse situations of discrimination based on factors such as gender, religion, age, and nationality, and to defend social rights in areas such as health, reproductive rights, education, and labor rights. It also monitors public policies and institutions, proposes legal and institutional reforms, and trains other civil society organizations in areas such as justice reform, access to public information, anti-discrimination, and freedom of expression. While not a pre-requisite, proficiency in Spanish will enhance the internship experience. For more information, see <http://www.adc.org.ar/>.

Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI), Jerusalem, Israel (1 student)

ACRI is Israel's oldest and largest human rights organization and the only one that deals with the entire spectrum of human rights and civil liberties issues in Israel and the Occupied Territories. ACRI's work encompasses litigation and legal advocacy, education, and public outreach as the most effective way in which to build toward its long-term vision of a just and democratic society that respects the equal rights of all its members. ACRI's Legal Department takes on cases that have the potential to set precedents, raise issues of principle, and effect broad-based policy change. While not a pre-requisite, knowledge of Hebrew will enhance the internship experience. For more information, see <http://www.acri.org.il/eng/>.

Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), Dhaka, Bangladesh (1 student)

Established in 1993, BLAST's primary mission is to make the legal system accessible to the poor and marginalized. BLAST provides legal advice and representation at all levels of the justice system with an emphasis on providing services to those living in poverty or facing disadvantage or discrimination. Key activities, often with the support of private *pro bono* lawyers in Bangladesh, include public interest litigation on a range of issues including access to judicial remedies, gender equality in ADR and disability rights, and advocacy in support of law reform campaigns focused on domestic violence, police reform, activation of the national human rights commission, land rights, right to adequate housing and slum resettlement. For more information, see <http://www.blast.org.bd/index.html>

Defence for Children International-Sierra Leone (DCI-SL), Freetown, Sierra Leone (1 student)

Founded in 2001, DCI-SL promotes and protects children's rights by documenting human rights abuses; promoting reform of juvenile justice laws and government policies to strengthen legal, social and other protections for children; and providing social and legal assistance to victims of children's rights abuses. It focuses on four key areas of intervention: juvenile justice; violence against children; access to education for all children; and child trafficking and child labor. Work in support of the Child Rights Act of 2007, largely drafted by UNICEF and DCI-SL, focuses on children in the criminal justice system. For more information, see <http://www.dci-sl.org/>

Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR), Cairo, Egypt (1 student)

EIPR is an independent Egyptian human rights organization established in 2002 to promote and defend the personal rights and freedoms of individuals. It seeks to complement the work of other Egyptian human rights groups by a focus on a group of rights and freedoms that are closest to the human-being: his/her body, privacy and health. EIPR explores the line between private and public in the lives of individuals and seeks to promote a debate about the State's legitimate powers and the areas it should not invade. EIPR has five programmatic areas: the right to privacy; violence and bodily integrity; the right to health; freedom of religion and belief; and technology and freedoms. While not a pre-requisite, proficiency in Arabic will enhance the internship experience. For more information, see <http://www.eipr.org/en/index.htm>

European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC), Legal Department, Budapest, Hungary (1 student)

ERRC is an international public interest law organization engaging in a range of activities aimed at combating anti-Romani racism and human rights abuse of Roma. Since its establishment in 1996, the ERRC has endeavored to give Roma the tools necessary to combat discrimination and win equal access to government, education, employment, health care, housing and public services. ERRC's approach involves, in particular, strategic litigation, international advocacy, research and policy development, and human rights training of Romani activists. Its current strategic priorities include violence against Roma and hate speech; education; housing; women's and children's rights; movement and migration; and disaggregated data collection. The internship will be with ERRC's legal department. For more information, see <http://www.errc.org>.

Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), Office of the Co-Prosecutors, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (1 student)

In 2001 the Cambodian National Assembly created the ECCC to try serious crimes committed during the Khmer Rouge regime 1975-1979. Cambodia invited international participation due to the weakness of the Cambodian legal system and the international nature of the crimes. An agreement with the UN was reached in 2003; in July 2006 the national and international judicial officials of the ECCC were sworn in and in June 2007, they unanimously adopted the Internal Rules of the court. The first charges were filed in July 2007. The Office of the Co-Prosecutors (OCP) is an independent office within the ECCC. Its role is to prosecute senior leaders of the Khmer Rouge and others most responsible for the

crimes committed during the period of Democratic Kampuchea. It conducts preliminary investigations, prosecutes cases throughout the investigative, pre-trial, trial and appellate stages, processes victim complaints, and participates in judicial investigations. The OCP is co-headed by a Cambodian and an international Co-Prosecutor. The internship will be with the OCP. *Note: This placement is for 12 weeks (3 months).* For more information, see <http://www.eccc.gov.kh/english/default.aspx>

Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA), Banjul, The Gambia (1 student)

Established in 1998, IHRDA's vision is to see a continent where all have access to justice, using national, African and international human rights law and mechanisms for the promotion and protection of their rights. Its mandate is to increase the effectiveness and accessibility of the human rights protection mechanisms of the African Union, since the most critical challenge to the effectiveness of the African human rights system is a lack of awareness concerning its procedures. To achieve its mandate, IHRDA uses its particular expertise in the application of African human rights law to: 1) train the NGO community and other human rights activists and workers in how to investigate, prepare and present cases of human rights violations before the African human rights treaty bodies; 2) serve as *pro bono* counsel for individuals and NGOs litigating their cases against State parties before the African human rights treaty bodies; 3) research emerging areas of human rights law and development in Africa for publication and dissemination; 4) network and collaborate with other human rights NGOs and African human rights treaty bodies for the promotion and protection of human rights in Africa; and 5) advocate for legal reforms in the areas of human rights at the national and continental levels in Africa. IHRDA's African Case Law Analyser, created in November 2010, offers the first exhaustive access to the decisions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in English and French. In addition to English and French, Portuguese and Arabic are also useful in IHRDA's work. For more information, see <http://www.ihrda.org/>.

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), Washington, D.C. (1 student)

The IACHR is one of two bodies in the inter-American system for the promotion and protection of human rights. (The other is the Inter-American Court of Human Rights located in San José, Costa Rica.) The IACHR is an autonomous organ of the Organization of American States; its mandate is in the OAS Charter and the American Convention on Human Rights. The IACHR has seven members who act independently of any particular government. To carry out its mandate, the Commission inter alia: receives, analyzes and investigates individual petitions which allege human rights violations; observes the general human rights situation in member States and publishes reports as it considers appropriate; carries out visits to countries to engage in more in-depth analysis of the general situation and/or to investigate a specific situation; requests States to adopt specific "precautionary measures" to avoid serious and irreparable harm to human rights in urgent cases; requests that the Court order "provisional measures" in urgent cases; submits cases to the Inter-American Court and appears before the Court in the litigation of cases. For more information, see <http://www.cidh.oas.org>.

Interights, International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights, London, England (1 student)

Founded in 1982, Interights works to promote respect for human rights through the use of law by providing legal expertise to lawyers, judges, human rights defenders and other partners concerning international and comparative human rights law. The main focus of its work is strategic litigation – bringing or supporting cases in critical areas where there is either a potential for human rights standards to be developed or where existing standards are under threat. Interights supports efforts to develop international and regional human rights standards, often through support for developing human rights institutions, such as the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and the European Court of Human Rights. Its regional programs focus on Sub-Saharan Africa, the Commonwealth, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa and South Asia. Thematic areas of work – economic and social rights; equality; and security and the rule of law -- are priority issues across all of the regional programs. For more information, see <http://www.interights.org/>.

International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), Beirut, Lebanon (1 student); and Bogotá, Colombia (1 student)

ICTJ assists countries pursuing accountability for past mass atrocity or human rights abuse. It works in societies emerging from repressive rule or armed conflict, as well as in established democracies where historical injustices or systemic abuse remain unresolved. ICTJ assists in the development of integrated, comprehensive, and localized approaches to transitional justice comprising five key elements: prosecuting perpetrators, documenting and acknowledging violations through non-judicial means such as truth commissions, reforming abusive institutions, providing reparations to victims, and facilitating reconciliation processes. ICTJ is committed to building local capacity and generally strengthening the emerging field of transitional justice, and works closely with organizations and experts around the world to do so. Placements in two ICTJ offices are planned: Beirut and Bogotá. While not a prerequisite, for the Beirut office, proficiency in Arabic and/or French will enhance the internship experience, as will proficiency in Spanish for the Bogotá office. For more information, see <http://www.ictj.org/en/index.html>.

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), The Hague, The Netherlands (1 student)

The ICTY was established by the UN Security Council in 1993 in the face of serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in the territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991. The Tribunal's authority is to

prosecute and try four clusters of offences: grave breaches of the 1949 Geneva Conventions; violations of the laws or customs of war; genocide; and crimes against humanity. The court consists of three branches: the judges' Chambers, the Office of the Prosecutor, and the Registry. *Note: This placement is for 12 weeks (3 months).* For more information, see <http://www.icty.org/>

International Women's Rights Action Watch–Asia Pacific (IWRAP-AP), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (1 student)

IWRAP-AP contributes to the progressive interpretation, universalization, implementation and realization of women's human rights through the lens of CEDAW and other international human rights treaties. It facilitates a process through which the CEDAW Convention can be used as a tool for applying international human rights standards at the national level and in a wide range of contexts (e.g. political participation, armed conflict, rights in marriage, violence against women, trafficking reproductive rights, employment, etc.). The experiences gained have contributed to the development of knowledge and skills, and created a better understanding of the various dimensions of equality, non-discrimination, State obligation, human rights principles (e.g., universality and indivisibility), and a rights-based approach to development. Subject to IWRAP's needs, it is possible that the Fellow will be based in Kuala Lumpur for approximately 8 weeks and the remainder of the internship in New York City to support IWRAP's work at the CEDAW meeting at the United Nations. For more information, see <http://www.iwraw-ap.org/>.

Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR), Nairobi, Kenya (1 student)

KNCHR is an independent national institution established by an Act of Parliament in 2002 to lead in protecting and promoting human rights in Kenya. To achieve this, KNCHR's key program areas are investigating complaints; providing redress; campaigns and advocacy; research, policy and legislation; economic, social and cultural rights; education; and capacity building and institutional strengthening. Comprised of nine commissioners, KNCHR has the some judicial powers to meet its obligations, e.g., to issue summonses to compel attendance and orders to produce documentation, as well as order the release from custody of persons unlawfully detained. For more information, see <http://www.knchr.org/>.

Legal Resources Centre (LRC), Constitutional Litigation Unit (CLU), Johannesburg, South Africa (1 student)

LRC is an independent, client-based, non-profit public interest law center which uses law as an instrument of justice. It works for the development of a fully democratic society based on the principle of substantive equality, by providing legal services for the vulnerable and marginalized, including the poor, homeless, and landless people and communities of South Africa who suffer discrimination by reason of race, class, gender, disability or by reason of social, economic, and historical circumstances. LRC recognizes that with South Africa's Constitution still in its infancy, the human rights precedents being set now will make an important contribution to the future of human rights in South Africa and will have beneficial effects in the longer term throughout the Southern African region. The CLU seeks to contribute towards an expanded body of human rights and constitutional jurisprudence and focuses particularly on constitutional issues which have an impact on poverty and inequality. For more information, see <http://www.lrc.org.za>.

Migrant Justice Programme (MJP), Maha Chai or Chiang Mai, Thailand (1 student)

The Migrant Justice Programme (MJP) is an initiative of the Human Rights and Development Foundation (HRDF) begun in 2007, to encourage systematic access to rights and rights violation remedies for Burmese migrant communities in Thailand. MJP also works to empower migrant communities to challenge systematic discrimination against them at a national policy level. MJP undertakes and supports activities in Chiang Mai, Tak and Samut Sakorn provinces, including 1) facilitating strategic test case litigation in migrant community-identified "priority problem areas" to stimulate a sustainable change to government policies that currently discriminatorily and unfairly deny labor and social rights to migrants; 2) empowering migrant communities to generate data on existing systemic rights violations to inform advocacy campaigns on a domestic, regional and international level as well as to promote government/NGO networking and cooperation; 3) conducting paralegal education and trainer of trainer (TOT) programs with selected migrant community volunteers who then conduct supervised trainings in their own communities; and 4) providing migrant communities with paralegal assistance in response to rights violations. While not a pre-requisite, knowledge of the Burmese or Thai language will enhance the internship experience. For more information, see <http://hrdfoundation.org/?p=81&lang=en>.

People's Watch, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India (1 student)

People's Watch is a non-governmental human rights organization which has been actively engaged in the protection and promotion of human rights in the state of Tamil Nadu and other parts of the country since 1995. Its mission is to empower marginalized sections of society to realize their rights through collective action. Its objectives are to hold the state accountable for violations of human rights and to promote a human rights culture in all elements of society. People's Watch has several programmatic divisions, including human rights monitoring, Dalit human rights, women's rights, rehabilitation of torture victims, and human rights education. For more information, see <http://www.peopleswatch.org/index.php>.

Rainbow Rights Project (R-Rights), Manila, Philippines (1 student)

R-Rights is an LGBT rights organization that uses and seeks to promote improvement of Philippine laws and legal structures to protect and promote the rights of LGBT people. R-Rights' activities include policy advocacy, capacity

building, documentation and publications and direct legal services, the latter grounded on the concept of developmental legal aid, primarily aimed at empowering the LGBT Community by making them familiar with their basic human rights under Philippine law and by giving them a working knowledge of various legal mechanisms and procedures. R-Rights also has quick-reaction team rescues, which provide emergency legal aid to LGBT victims of arbitrary arrests and detentions. For more information, see <http://www.rainbowrightsproject.org/>

Refugee Law Project, Kampala, Uganda (1 student)

RLP seeks to ensure fundamental human rights for all refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) within Uganda. Its goal is for Uganda to treat all such people with the same standards of individual respect and social justice that it applies to the rest of its citizens. Uganda stands at the geographic centre of a region characterized by war and instability, and the conflicts in neighboring Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and Burundi have resulted in more than 200,000 officially registered refugees living in the country. Insurgencies in northern Uganda have resulted in large populations of IDPs whose homes and livelihoods continue to be threatened by the absence of stable peace. Uganda's Refugees Act (2006) created a relatively enabling and pro-rights legal environment, but some weaknesses remain (e.g. the lack of a proper appeals process) and, after nearly half a century of the previous Control of Aliens and Refugees Act, attitudes and practices are deeply entrenched in government bodies and agencies dealing directly with refugees. RLP engages in a diverse set of activities that are not often seen within one organization -- part advocacy group, part research institution, part legal aid clinic, part trainer and educator. *Note: This placement is for 12 weeks (3 months).* For more information, see <http://www.refugeelawproject.org>.

Timap for Justice, Sierra Leone (1 student)

Timap for Justice is a pioneering effort to provide basic justice services in Sierra Leone. Because of a shortage of lawyers in the country, Timap's frontline is made up of community-based paralegals rather than lawyers. It presently employs 70 staff who work in 19 paralegal offices across Sierra Leone as well as in the capital Freetown. Timap has developed a creative, flexible model to advance justice, one which combines education, mediation, negotiation, organizing, and advocacy. Interns will evaluate the paralegals' application of necessary skills, conduct training sessions on common law concepts such as contracts, torts and criminal law, and contribute a considerable portion of their time to devising and executing strategies to address community-level issues. Most interns are stationed in rural Sierra Leone and rarely deal with litigation, statutes, courts, or legal research and writing. While interns work closely with paralegals, direct supervision of the intern's work is limited; thus, individual initiative and self-direction are essential assets. For more information, see <http://www.timapforjustice.org>.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Amman, Jordan (1 student) and Geneva, Switzerland (1 student)

UNHCR was established in 1950 by the UN General Assembly. It is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. Today, UNHCR is one of the world's principal humanitarian agencies, its staff of nearly 7,200 personnel helping approximately 36.4 million people in 120 countries. Placements are anticipated at two UNHCR offices: the Geneva headquarters (in the Protection Operation and Legal Advice Section of the Division of International Protection Services) and the Amman Office (where the focus is on refugees and asylum-seekers from Iraq). While not a pre-requisite, knowledge of Arabic will enhance the internship experience in the Amman office. *Note: These placements are for 12 weeks (3 months).* For more information, see <http://www.unhcr.org>.

UN International Law Commission (ILC), Geneva, Switzerland (5-7 students)

The International Law Commission is the legal codification arm of the United Nations. It meets every summer in Geneva to consider proposals for treaties, declarations of principles and other codifications or elaborations of norms previously only the subject of customary international law. Examples of the issues debated by the Commission in the past include the establishment of a permanent international criminal court and the formulation of the law on state responsibility. Current topics include reservations to treaties, effects of armed conflicts on treaties, immunity of state officials from foreign criminal prosecution, shared natural resources, obligation to extradite or prosecute (*aut dedere aut judicare*), expulsion of aliens, most favored nation clauses and protection of persons in the event of disasters.

Members of the Commission are prominent experts in public international law and are elected in their individual capacities. Each student is assigned to work with a particular Commission member, not as a UN intern. This internship is cerebral and scholarly, not action packed -- students typically undertake work assigned by Commission members, attend ILC meetings, conduct research, and write major papers with a view toward eventual publication. The Commission session begins in early May, so students travel to Geneva as soon as possible after exams and return in mid-August. In 2012 the Commission plans to meet from May 7 to June 1 and from July 2 to August 3. For the membership and work of the Commission, see its most recent annual report and other information at <http://www.un.org/law/ilc/>.

UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Phnom Penh, Cambodia (1 student)

OHCHR's field presence in Cambodia was established in 1993 at the end of the mandate of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia with the aim of a continued human rights presence in Cambodia, including to manage the implementation of educational and technical assistance and advisory services programs and to ensure their continuation; assist the Cambodian government, at its request, in meeting its obligations under the human rights instruments; provide support to bona fide human rights groups in Cambodia; contribute to the creation and/or strengthening of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights; continue to assist with the drafting and implementation of legislation to promote and protect human rights, and; continue to assist with the training of persons responsible for the administration of justice. The office provides support to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia. *Note: This placement is for 12 weeks (3 months).* For more information, see <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AsiaRegion/Pages/KHIndex.aspx>.

UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL), The Hague, The Netherlands (1 student)

Created in 2006 by the UN Security Council and through a subsequent agreement between the UN and the government of Lebanon, the STL became a functioning tribunal on March 1, 2009. Its primary mandate is to prosecute persons responsible for the attack of February 14, 2005 resulting in the death of former Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri. The STL Statute calls for the application of the Lebanese Criminal Code in its work, but standards of justice, including principles of due process, are to be based on international standards of criminal justice as applied in other international tribunals. The STL works in English, Arabic and French. Chambers of the STL are composed of one international Pre-Trial Judge, a Trial Chamber (three judges: one Lebanese and two international), an Appeals Chamber (five judges: two Lebanese and three international), and two alternate judges (one Lebanese and one international). *Note: This placement is for 12 weeks (3 months).* For more information, see <http://www.stl-tsl.org/en/>.

Vikalp Women's Group, Baroda, Gujarat, India (1 student)

Vikalp Women's Group was formed as a grassroots organization to address women's and LGBT issues in rural and tribal areas, with a focus on health, awareness and rights. The founders represent diverse fields such as education, media, government and private sectors, and a shared political understanding and feminist perspective. Vikalp was formally registered in 1996 and is currently working in 70 villages in Gujarat state. It has a strong community base, involving the local village women and representatives of the *panchayats* (local government bodies) who work together in implementing programs. It seeks to create alternative law forums with an emphasis on negotiation to resolve conflicts before the head of a village or family between the disputing and willing parties. One aspect of Vikalp's legal interventions are two women's courts, one based in the rural caste-based society and the other in the tribal region. Vikalp's LGBT work is groundbreaking and recent to both Vikalp and rural areas of India. Moreover, it is in a context of a legal vacuum until the Supreme Court resolves the status of Section 377 of the Penal Code which criminalizes homosexuality. Vikalp's work relies on negotiations, with due consideration of the rights and policies appropriate to the needs of the LGBT community to live lives and make choices as full citizens. Students who can show individual initiative and are self-directed will benefit most from a Vikalp internship. While not a pre-requisite, knowledge of the Gujarati language will enhance the internship experience. Vikalp does not have a website. For more information, please contact Tish Armstrong at tish.armstrong@nyu.edu.

3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Requirements

Requirements of students selected as Fellows extend through the 2011-2012 academic year and into the Fall Semester of the 2012-2013 academic year. Selected students shall be entitled to the status of "Fellow" and will receive a fellowship stipend contingent upon the fulfillment of all obligations listed below:

- **Seminars:** In Spring 2012, Fellows must attend international law seminars that are relevant to their internship placement. LLM, JSD and 2L Fellows with internships at the International Law Commission must enroll in a 2-credit course entitled "Treaties and Responsibility: Selected Topics in the Current Work of the United Nations International Law Commission." JD Fellows selected for ILC internships are encouraged to attend this course as their schedules permit.

- **Fieldwork:** During Summer 2012, Fellows will conduct at least 10 weeks of fieldwork at their placement organization. Note that where required by the placement organization, this period may be longer, in some cases (noted above) 12 weeks (3 months). **These time periods are not negotiable.** Given the cost and other law school requirements and activities, this longer period may present financial and other challenges for some students. To the extent a placement organization requires the submission of its own application for an internship, Fellows, after selection, shall complete and provide such application to CHR/GJ expeditiously. **Note: No internship will be final unless and until the Fellow has been approved by relevant placement organization supervisors.**

- **Research Paper:** Fellows must complete a supervised research paper on an international law or human rights issue to be agreed upon in advance with academic supervisors at NYU, in accordance with the following terms:

- **For all LLM Fellows and for JD Fellows with internships at the International Law Commission:** prepare a satisfactory research paper due on or before October 15, 2012. The paper may not be used for course credit.
 - **For JD Fellows other than those with internships at the International Law Commission:** Option 1: prepare a satisfactory research paper due on or before October 15, 2012 (not eligible for course credit); or Option 2: elect to develop the fellowship paper into a full-scale research paper in the framework of either Directed Research eligible for 2 credits or in the framework of a Fall 2012 seminar which is of direct relevance to the topic and where the seminar instructor approves the proposal (eligible for 1 additional credit). For both alternatives within Option 2, the research paper must be completed by the end of the Fall Semester 2012.
- **Internship Report:** At the conclusion of their fieldwork, in addition to the research paper, Fellows must submit to PILC a report of the internship in accordance with PILC's requirements.
 - **PILC requirements for JD Fellows:** Funding for JD Fellows is provided through PILC's Summer Funding Program. Fellows who are JDs must therefore fulfill all requirements of PILC's Summer Funding Program.

Financial Support

Fellows will receive a stipend of \$4,500 (1Ls) or \$6,500 (2Ls, LLMs and JSDs). Stipends are awarded on a needs-blind basis. In May 2012, \$3,000 of the stipend will be distributed. The balance of the stipend will be disbursed in Fall 2012 after the Fellow has a) successfully completed his or her fieldwork; b) submitted the required reports to PILC and c) the NYU academic supervisor has certified that he or she has completed the relevant requirements applicable to the research paper. Students who do not meet all Fellowship requirements set forth above in a timely fashion breach the terms of the Fellowship, forfeit the balance of the stipend and lose the designation as an ILHR Fellow.

PLEASE NOTE: Expenses related to some internship placements, including airfare, housing and inoculations, may exceed the amount provided by the stipend. Information about costs associated with most internships can be found in internship reports available on PILC's website. In addition, if a Fellow is not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, depending upon his or her country's tax treaty with the United States, there may be tax consequences which result in a reduced stipend amount.

STUDENTS WHO ARE AWARDED AN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP ARE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT IT. YOU MUST ACCEPT THE PLACEMENT TO WHICH YOU ARE ASSIGNED. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

4. APPLICATION

Applicants should submit one (1) copy of the application package, by e-mail, in a *single document as a PDF file*, to ilhr.fellowshipapplication@nyu.edu by **12 Noon (NY time), Wednesday, November 9, 2011**. Please collate materials in the order listed below:

The Application package must include:

- A. **Completed cover sheet** (first page of this document)
- B. **Résumé or CV**
- C. **Transcripts (official or unofficial).** Please include copies of your undergraduate and graduate transcripts. Both official and unofficial copies are acceptable. If the student's educational institution requires that transcripts be sent to someone other than the student, please have them sent to CHRJJ at the address below or faxed (1-212-995-4646) to the attention of Tish Armstrong at CHRJJ and include a note in the fellowship application that the transcript is being sent or faxed separately.
- D. **NYU law school courses:** Please include a list of courses you are currently taking, have taken or expect to take in the Spring 2012 semester, the name of the professor and any grades available.
- E. **Statement of Interest for each requested internship placement (up to three).** The Statement of Interest is a short essay explaining why you are applying for the fellowship; why you are seeking a particular internship placement; and what you will bring to such a placement. Please do not simply repeat your resume/CV. You may include:
 - Your reasons for applying for the Fellowship;
 - Significant academic and professional accomplishments relevant to a requested internship;
 - Experience that may be relevant to the work of an internship organization, including study or work abroad or work in the United States involving international issues;
 - Undergraduate or graduate courses of study in areas involving international law;
 - Foreign language abilities (please indicate, as precisely as you can, your level of competence); and
 - Your goals for the Fellowship: what you hope to gain from participation in the Fellowship Program

Each Statement of Interest should not exceed 500 words and should be on one side of one page. **If you are applying for more than one internship placement, please include a separate Statement of Interest for each placement.** For example, if you are applying for three placements, you should submit three (3) Statements of Interest in the application package.

5. INTERVIEWS AND SELECTION

Approximately 55 students will be selected for interviews to be conducted in New York and Singapore at times to be determined, but before November 24, 2011. The interviews will be conducted by Committees composed of NYU Faculty, visiting scholars, CHRGJ and IILJ Staff members and/or former ILHR Fellows. For students who apply for more than one internship placement, this may mean you could be interviewed twice. **Note that all fellowship internships are contingent upon the approval of the Fellow by the relevant internship placement organization supervisors.** IILJ will liaise with the International Law Commission and CHRGJ will liaise with all other placement organizations.

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- Completed application Cover Sheet, indicating internship placement(s) for which you are applying (the first page of this document)
- Résumé or CV
- Transcripts (unofficial or official) from undergraduate and graduate School
- List of NYU School of Law courses currently being taken, have taken or expect to take in the coming semester, with the name of the professor and any grades available
- Statement(s) of Interest for each requested internship placement

Please collate materials in the order listed above and submit one (1) complete application package in a single PDF document by e-mail to ilhr.fellowshipapplication@nyu.edu by 12 noon (NY time), November 9, 2011.

Applications will not be accepted by facsimile.

For more information or with questions:

Contact Tish Armstrong, Fellowship Coordinator, Center for Human Rights and Global Justice
E-mail: tish.armstrong@nyu.edu

PLEASE REMEMBER THE DEADLINES:

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE Wednesday, November 9, 2011 by 12 noon (NY time)

Interviews will be held on dates to be determined but before November 24, 2011.

Awards are expected to be announced by early December 2011.

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