

Center for Human Rights Leadership

Call for applications for summer 2011 human rights fellowships

The Center for Human Rights Leadership at CMC seeks applications for its Human Rights Fellowships, which support summer internships for CMC students with organizations abroad or within the United States that promote human rights broadly conceived or raise awareness about human rights abuses. Applications are welcome that address problems such as health care; poverty, development, including micro-finance; criminal justice; immigration; education; the Holocaust; genocide and mass killing; honor killing; rape; child soldiers.

Students may apply for other CMC funding for internships without prejudice to their application for internship funding from the Center for Human Rights Leadership.

A full explanation of the application process and an application form accompany this email and will be posted on the Center's website: www.cmc.edu/humanrights.

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In 2011, stipends will be awarded ranging from less than \$1,500 up to a maximum of approximately, \$5,000, depending on location, travel costs, and cost of living.

CMC students who are freshmen, sophomores and juniors may apply. Preference will be given to students:

(a) who have experience working in the broad fields of human rights including work for the Center,

(b) who have not received a Center-sponsored fellowship in the past, and

(c) who have arranged an internship with a major human rights or Holocaust-related organization.

Students who have received human rights fellowships in the past are not excluded from consideration.

Criteria for evaluating the applications include: the effectiveness and reputation of the organization that the applicant proposes to join, the creativity, feasibility, and impact of the applicant's project or duties, the relation of the internship to the applicant's career and intellectual interests, the applicant's previous experience in the broad field of human rights (paragraph 1 above), the academic record of the applicant, and the applicant's foreign language ability where appropriate.

Applicants must submit the following:

- (1) Completed application form, the application form accompanies this email, and it may also be downloaded from the Center's website: www.cmc.edu/humanrights. Applicants must put their names on all pages submitted and number the pages.
- (2) A valid passport: if the internship is abroad, include a photocopy of the identification page of your passport with the application. Important Note: Check the host country's rules for travel very carefully. Some countries, such as Indonesia, for example, will not admit travelers whose passports will expire in less than six months.
- (3) Formal proof of acceptance from a sponsoring human rights organization, on organization letterhead, signed by a responsible official of the organization, and giving a description of the duties to be performed during the internship and a specific length of time to be spent as an intern. The minimum time for an internship is the equivalent of two months full time work. Formal proof of the internship should be but need not be in hand at the time applications are due, but must be present before the internship will be funded. If it is not present, applicants should briefly explain why, and say when it is expected.
- (4) Project description: (maximum 500 words) a brief essay that clearly explains the applicant's reasons for choosing to intern with the sponsoring organization, the work to be done, its significance, and its relation to the applicant's experience and intellectual and career goals. In addition, describe how you found the internship, if abroad, why you chose the particular country, what you have done to prepare for this internship, and what your living arrangements will be.
- (5) Descriptive/background information about the sponsoring organization, such as the information found on the organization's website.
- (6) Project budget: Show total expenses and sub-totals for travel, accommodations, food, and other expenses directly related to the internship including local ground travel, required immunizations, and supplemental international medical insurance, including coverage for emergency evacuation. Include the sources of the costs, for example, for airfare it might be expedia or studentuniverse.com.
- (7) Current résumé.
- (8) Informal CMC transcript.
- (9) Two letters of recommendation from CMC faculty members with whom the applicant has studied, covering, among other things, academic performance, ability to work effectively as a member of a team, integrity, reliability, ability to succeed in a foreign environment (where relevant) under trying conditions, ability to work effectively with little direct supervision, ability to stay on task and accomplish assignments on time.

. This agreement and attendance at the briefing are required for funding.

- (10) Three paper copies of the application are due not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2011 at the Center's office, 528 N. Mills Avenue. They should be

directed to Norine Zapata, the Center's administrative assistant. Applications sent by e-mail attachment will not be accepted.

Applicants will be notified by Friday March 4, 2011.

Claremont McKenna College
Center for Human Rights Leadership
Application for Human Rights Fellowship Summer 2011

Name:

Grad Year:

Major/s:

Mailbox #:

Sequence/s

Email :

Cell phone or other #:

Sponsoring Organization:

Location:

If abroad, have you ever lived or worked in this country?

Yes No

Dates of proposed internship:

Length of Internship (# weeks):

Do you receive need-based financial aid? Yes No

Will you be receiving any compensation from this organization? Yes No

Are you applying for or have you received any additional funding for this or any other internship? Yes No

If yes, please specify other applications and source/s and amount of funding:

Are you completing the Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Sequence?

Yes No

Are you affiliated with the CHRL?

Yes No

If yes, please describe your affiliation:

Have you previously participated in any CMC or Center-sponsored internship programs?

Yes No

If yes, specify program, year and if you received academic credit:

Faculty recommenders, name, email and telephone number

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2.

Please provide a brief summary of your project (3-4 sentences only):

By signing this form I agree to attend a briefing on the internships by the Office of Off Campus Study before departure, and also agree to keep a written and digital photographic journal of the internship, recording personal impressions and including a thoughtful analysis of the internship experience in all its aspects. For examples of journal entries of this kind, see the entries by previous interns, especially that of Annie Fairman, on the Center's website: www.cmc.edu/humanrights

I agree to abide by these terms.

Signature _____ Date _____

