Call for Applications:
2015 - 2016 Human Rights Institute Fact-Finding Project

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2015.

The Human Rights Institute seeks applications from students interested in joining its 2015-2016 Fact-Finding Project, which will investigate violations of migrants’ rights, children’s rights and/or human rights in the context of the global economy. Students who are selected to participate in the HRI Fact-Finding Project will manage all aspects of this investigation. Students will develop a project in close consultation with top human rights experts; plan and carry out a fact-finding mission during Week One of 2016; and then return to the Law Center to draft a major research report with legal and policy recommendations. In the past, after releasing their reports, students in the Fact-Finding Project have presented findings and recommendations to Congressional committees and drafted legislative language, briefed staff at the White House National Security Council, and submitted testimony to United Nations Special Rapporteurs and human rights Treaty Bodies.

Students selected for the 2015-2016 Fact-Finding Project will be required to enroll in in a year-long practicum course that HRI coordinates. Through this course, students will gain the substantive background and skills needed to carry out all aspects of the work. In the fall, the seminar will cover the substantive law and policy relating to this subject, as well as human rights fact-finding skills and methodology. In January 2016, during ‘Week One,’ the group will travel to conduct interviews on this subject. Trip expenses will be covered by HRI. In the spring, students will draft and publish a report; there will be regular seminar meetings in the spring to guide students through this process. Students will be expected to have their own meetings through the academic year. Over the year, students will be expected to devote an additional 110 hours outside of class to this project, in addition to the time spent working during Week One. Courses such as International Law I and International Human Rights Law would be helpful to participants in the project, but are not required. Students may not concurrently enroll in this practicum course and a clinic (except Street Law) or in another practicum course. Students may, however, concurrently enroll in this practicum course and an externship.

Interested students should send a statement of interest, a resume and a writing sample to Dash/Muse Fellow Ian Kysel (imk6@law.georgetown.edu) by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2014 and be available for a mandatory selection interview at a time to be determined between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2014.

Selection criteria to be considered include but are not limited to: a demonstrated commitment to human rights; experience interviewing or working with individuals affected by human rights violations; ability to work independently as well as in a group and to complete complicated tasks on a deadline; good writing abilities; and foreign language skills.

Additional information is available at www.humanrights institute.net.