Position Announcement:
Dale and James J. Pinto (L’76) Georgetown Law
Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Fellowship

The Georgetown Law Human Rights Institute is pleased to announce a call for applications for the Dale and James J. Pinto (L’76) Georgetown University Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Fellowship. The fellow will be hosted by Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights beginning in the fall of 2015. Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights was founded in 1968 by his family and friends as a living memorial to carry forward Robert Kennedy’s vision of a more just and peaceful world. Combining a rights-based approach and extended multi-year partnerships with the RFK Award Laureates and other human rights activists, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights leverages its legal expertise, resources, and prestige to advance social justice goals around the world. The yearlong position is designed for a 2015 Georgetown Law J.D. graduate with human rights experience and an interest in pursuing a career in the human rights field.

The Pinto Georgetown Law RFK Fellowship will provide opportunities to conduct research and write on human rights around the globe and participate in the development of strategies, legal actions and advocacy of the RFK Center. Under the direct supervision of the Managing Attorney, the Fellow will:

- Conduct factual research and draft memoranda on the human rights situation in countries of interest to RFK Human Rights and on thematic issues (e.g., the right to freedom of expression, right to nationality);
- Conduct research on the application of international human rights norms to country conditions, developments in the domestic legal systems of specific countries and their implications for human rights, and other questions;
- Prepare documents in support of litigation before international tribunals (e.g. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, UN Treaty Bodies), and in support of advocacy before governments, international organizations, and U.N. special procedures;
- Help maintain and manage communication with clients, human rights defenders, and civil society partners around the world in support of joint litigation and advocacy;
- Participate in developing long-term strategies, legal actions, and advocacy campaigns;
- Monitor general sources of information on countries and issues of concern to the RFK Human Rights; collect, organize, and analyze relevant information; and provide limited administrative support;
- Be available for travel on a limited basis (domestic and/or international) as may be required;

This fellowship is open to Georgetown Law J.D. graduates in the class of 2015 who have a demonstrated interest in and commitment to human rights. The fellowship will provide a salary of $56,000/year and an excellent and competitive benefits package.
**Qualifications:**

- Prior human rights-related experience and a desire to continue working in this field
- Strong fact-finding research, writing, and editing skills
- Strong legal research, writing, and editing skills
- Strong organizational skills and good attention to detail
- Experience with human rights advocacy and/or litigation
- An ability to take initiative, play a leadership role, and proactively address issues as they arise
- An ability to work both independently and as part of a small team
- Fluency in Spanish, French or Arabic highly desired but not required

**Application Materials and Submission Deadline:**

Please send the following materials as a single PDF attachment to Paulette Smith, Georgetown Law Institutes Assistant ([pds42@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:pds42@law.georgetown.edu)), with the subject line, “[Your Name] Pinto Fellowship Application” by February 28, 2015:

- A cover letter describing your commitment to human rights work and all relevant experience;
- A resume;
- A Georgetown Law transcript (unofficial is fine);
- A brief (2-10 page) unedited writing sample.