Position Announcement:

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

The Georgetown Law Human Rights Institute and Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights are 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 2016. Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights was founded in 1968 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 year-long position is designed for a 2016 Georgetown Law J.D. graduate with human rights experience and a commitment to pursuing a career in the 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 the strategies, legal actions, and advocacy of RFK Human Rights, including:

- 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. 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, U.N. 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 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 position is open to Georgetown Law J.D. graduates in the class of 2016 who have a demonstrated interest in the protection and advancement of international human rights norms. The fellowship will provide a salary of $56,000/year and an excellent and competitive benefits package.
Qualifications:

• A demonstrated commitment to human rights and justice;
• Exceptional analytical skills, and an ability to write and speak clearly and persuasively;
• Strong fact-finding, legal research, writing, and editing skills;
• Self-motivated with the ability to take initiative and follow through on projects to completion;
• Previous experience with international human rights advocacy and/or litigation;
• An ability to work both independently and as part of a small team; and
• Fluency in a language in addition to English (e.g. 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), with the subject line, “[Your Name] Pinto Fellowship Application” by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, September 20, 2015:

• A cover letter describing your commitment to human rights work and all relevant experience;
• A resume;
• A Georgetown Law transcript (unofficial is acceptable);
• Two letters of recommendation: one letter should be from a professional or academic source, and the other letter from a more personal source (someone who can personally attest to your individual commitment to human rights and/or the advancement of human dignity more generally); and
• A brief (2-10 page) unedited writing sample. The ideal writing sample will be one relating to international human rights law or standards.

Selection Process:

• All applicants are encouraged to attend an informational session at the offices of Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights in the week of September 14, 2015 (specific date/time TBD)
• Finalists will be notified by email, and will be asked to complete a brief writing assignment for the selection panel
• On October 6, 2015, all finalists will be interviewed in-person at the Law Center by the selection panel

The 2015-16 Selection Panel is comprised of Dale W. Pinto, Cynthia M. Blumenthal, Kevin Conry, Andrew Schoenholtz, Patrick Griffith, Santiago A. Canton, Wade McMullen, and James J. Pinto, as well as ex-officio members Kerry Kennedy and William Treanor.