



GEORGETOWN LAW

Human Rights Institute

### **2017-2018 Human Right Associates Program Application**

The Human Rights Associates Program is a collaboration between the Human Rights Institute and the student group Human Rights Action/Amnesty International. The program is designed to introduce Georgetown Law students to the breadth of human rights practice and institutions, expose students to a number of cutting edge issues in human rights, and help students prepare to practice human rights law – including through skill-building. The Program has elements tailored to incoming JD students as well as continuing JD and LLM students. Through the application process, we hope to ensure that the Associates comprise a vibrant community committed to learning about and pursuing human rights work.

Participating in the Program gives students a unique opportunity to network with a range of practitioners in a seminar-style environment. In exchange, participating students must be committed and willing to attend, prepare for, and contribute to group discussions and to complete Program assignments in the absence of academic credit. In addition to attending required weekly meetings, Associates are asked to attend an event or have an informational meeting with a human rights practitioner in the fall semester. In the spring, Associates will have the opportunity to guide the direction of the program by identifying speakers and facilitating the group's weekly meetings.

Our introductory session for those selected will be held on **Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Weekly sessions will be held thereafter **each Wednesday throughout the academic year** (during both fall *and* spring semesters) from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Selected applicants will be expected to participate in the entire Program.

To apply for the Program, please prepare a statement responding to the questions below. Include your name, degree program, and expected graduation date at the top of the document. Send the document, along with a resume (a draft resume is acceptable), to Ashley Binetti, the Human Rights Institute Dash/Muse Fellow, at [ab2242@georgetown.edu](mailto:ab2242@georgetown.edu) by **11:59 pm on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**. For questions about the application process or the program, please e-mail Ashley.

Please answer all questions below in a separate document (one to two pages total, single-spaced, 12 point font, and with normal margins):

1. Briefly describe the origins of your commitment to and interest in the field of human rights and how this relates to your decision to obtain a JD or LLM degree. This may be a particular experience or series of experiences, or perhaps a course of study or a learning process.
2. Briefly explain your decision to apply to the Associates Program, including what skills or knowledge you are most interested in gaining, what areas or methods of advocacy appeal to you, and how you think the Program can help you develop as a future practitioner.
3. As part of your responsibilities as an Associate, you will be asked to prepare for weekly meetings and actively participate in those sessions, attend an off-campus event or informational meeting in Washington, and help organize at least one Associates session in the spring semester. Please confirm your ability to complete these commitments and indicate whether there are any topics, themes, or events you already know you hope to explore. (This is simply to encourage applicants to begin thinking about the assignment; it is not a test!)