



Application Procedure
UC San Diego
2018 Human Rights Fellowship
Deadline: March 2, 2018 by 12pm

University of California Human Rights Center Fellowship
Center for Global Justice, International Institute, & Human Rights Program

The Center on Global Justice and Human Rights Program are pleased to announce the annual competition for student fellowships in partnership with organizations working for human rights. The amount of the fellowship stipend will be \$5,000. Fellowship is available to students from several U.C. campuses. Registered students at U.C. San Diego, U.C. Berkeley, Hastings College of Law, U.C. Santa Cruz, U.C. Davis, and U.C. Irvine. Prior recipients are not eligible.

These awards will enable students to carry out clearly defined fieldwork, domestically or internationally, with organizations working on human rights issues related to a student's area of interest. Applicants must plan to spend at least 6-8 weeks full time or its equivalent part-time working with a partner organization to qualify for the fellowship.

The purpose of the fellowship is to provide students with an opportunity to contribute to the organizations' work while also gaining practical experience that may influence the students' areas of research, academic focus, or career trajectory. Partnerships with both governmental and non-governmental organizations are acceptable, so long as the affiliation enables the proposed human rights work. Multi-disciplinary approaches to human rights fieldwork are welcomed.

The Fellowships

The human rights fellowships are student-initiated. Applicants must identify the organizations they will work with, the human rights issue to be addressed, and the parameters, objectives, goals, and expected outcomes of their proposed fieldwork. Fundamental changes to accepted proposals (e.g., different human rights topic, new partner organization, alternate location) are not permitted.

Human Rights Fellowship benefits and expectations:

- Receive a \$5,000 stipend to support their work.
- Attend an orientation at UC Berkeley to prepare for summer fieldwork (Friday, April 20)
- Submit an informal mid-term report from the field (July / August)
- Attend an informal gathering upon return from the field (Friday, September 14)
- Present at a formal conference held during the fall semester at UC Berkeley (Friday, November 2)
- Submit a final project (publishable op-ed, news piece, or video) at the end (Friday, November 2)
- Complete all assignments and participate in all fellowship events **in person**.

If you are selected as a UC Human Rights Fellow, you will be considered for a two-week collaborative residency at Mesa Refuge in August 2018 in Point Reyes, California. Mesa Refuge is a writers' retreat that is intended to provide a quiet and inspiring space for people writing about ways to create a more just and sustainable world. Please indicate in your application whether you are interested in being considered for this residency and how you would plan to use the time (see below for statement guidelines)

For more information, visit www.mesarefuge.org

A complete application includes:

1. A completed application cover sheet and signed application checklist.
2. A curriculum vitae/resume, indicating all experience (academic studies, fieldwork, volunteer work, and paid work) relevant to the fellowship.
3. Statement of purpose (2–5 pages, doubled-spaced, 12-point font), describing your interest in the award. This section of the application should address the following questions:
 - What human rights issue will be addressed during the fellowship?
Does an article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights address the issue and, if not, how do you think the issue relates to human rights?
 - How will you work with your partner organization to address this issue?
 - How will your fieldwork contribute to the partner organization's ongoing mission/goals?
 - Why are you interested in addressing this issue? Do you have a particular interest/expertise/experience in this area?
 - What are the objectives/goals/expected outcomes of your proposed fieldwork?
 - How will these outcomes be measured or evaluated?
 - How will the fellowship build on your current academic interests?
 - What role will the fellowship play in your long-term career or study plans?
 - Have you spent time in your proposed geographic area and/or working on your proposed topic? If so, outline your previous experience that specifically pertains to your proposed fellowship work. If not, describe how you will prepare yourself for your proposed fellowship work. Address any issues related to fluency in a language other than English.
4. Two letters of recommendation from persons (at least one UC professor, preferably your advisor if you have one) in a position to affirm the value of the fellowship in the context of your academic work and interests. Letters may be addressed to Fellowship Coordinator Ms. Khushbu Gokalgandhi at kgokalgandhi@ucsd.edu.
5. A letter of support from the partner organization detailing the mission/goals of the organization and how your proposed fieldwork will contribute to its work. This letter should address the following points:
 - Who will be your main point person at the organization?
 - In which ways will you be supporting the organization?
 - In which ways will the organization be supporting you?
 - What are you expected to accomplish during your fellowship?
 - How will the organization benefit from your accomplishments?
6. Applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with the Human Rights Program Director, npostero@ucsd.edu. Nancy Postero will lead an information session on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 3pm, at the Center on Global Justice, floor level 1, conference room 145-E in the San Diego Supercomputer Center at 10100 Hopkins Dr., La Jolla, 92093.
7. Items for the Mesa Refuge (if applicable):
 - 1) A description of your project in 500 words or less. This should include answers to the following questions
 - What do you intend to write (academic paper, long form journalism piece, other)?
 - What is your intended audience?
 - What do you hope to accomplish with your writing?
 - 2) A writing sample (2,000 word limit)

Some additional information:

- The 2018 information and a set of FAQs will soon be uploaded online to <http://globaljustice.ucsd.edu>.
- The deadline for applications and all supporting documents is **Friday, March 2, 12pm PST. All materials should be sent to** Khushbu Gokalgandhi at kgokalgandhi@ucsd.edu.
- Applicants must submit their complete application in PDF format. Recommenders must send their letters of recommendation directly to Khushbu Gokalgandhi at kgokalgandhi@ucsd.edu. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applicants will be notified by mid-March 2018.

Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects:

If you intend to use the fellowship grant to conduct research that you will include in your thesis or dissertation, you should consider whether approval from the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) is necessary. For more information, please speak with your faculty advisor or visit UCSD's CPHS website: <http://irb.ucsd.edu>. IRB review can be a very lengthy process. We encourage applicants to start the process as soon as possible.

**Human Rights Fellowship 2018
Application Cover Sheet**

Name _____

Home address _____

Gender _____

Phone # _____ Skype ID _____

Email 1: _____ Email 2: _____

Student ID # _____ Date of Birth _____

How did you hear about the fellowship? _____

Have you applied for this fellowship before? _____

Are you receiving other funding for this project? _____

Name and amount of funding: _____

Are you applying for the Mesa Refuge Collaborative Residency? Y/N

Student Status: Undergrad _____ Grad _____ Year _____ Campus _____

School/Depart./Major _____

Faculty Advisor _____

Letters of recommendation will be sent by:

Proposed start-date (MM/DD) _____

Proposed end-date (MM/DD) _____

Percentage of time each week you will be working with the organization _____

Partner organization _____

Contact person's name and title _____

Address _____

Phone # /Email Address _____

Human Rights Fellowship 2018 Application Checklist

Please read, initial and sign below and turn in with your completed application.

Application Materials

I have included the following in my application (initial in box):

- Cover sheet
- Resume / CV
- Statement of purpose
- Letter of support from partner organization
- First recommendation letter (faculty)
- Second recommendation letter (faculty or work colleague)

Fellowship Requirements

I understand that fundamental changes to accepted proposals (e.g., different human rights topic, new partner organization, alternate location) are not permitted.

I agree to:

- Attend an orientation to prepare for summer fieldwork (April 20, 2018)*
- Submit an informal mid-term report from the field (July / August 2018)
- Attend an informal get together upon return from the field (September 14, 2018)*
- Present at a formal conference held during the fall semester (November 2, 2018)*
- Submit a final project (publishable op-ed, news piece, or video) (on or before November 2, 2018)

* Attendance is required at these events in person.

I understand that fellows are expected to complete all assignments on time and participate in all fellowship events in person. Events will take place at UC Berkeley.

I certify that I will spend at least 6-8 weeks working with my partner organization.

I certify that, if my project requires travel, I am able to travel alone and this project is not dependent upon a travel partner.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____