Human Rights Center Fellowship (Grad Students)
The International Institute and Human Rights Program are pleased to announce the annual competition for student fellowships in partnership with organizations working for human rights. Fellowship is available to students from several UC Campuses. Registered students at UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, Hastings College of Law, UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis, and UC Irvine are eligible, with priority given to graduate students. Prior recipients of Human Rights Center fellowships are not eligible. The amount of the fellowship stipend will be $6,000.

These awards will enable students to carry out clearly defined international fieldwork, 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. Because of funding constraints, domestic (US-based) cases cannot be considered.

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 $6,000 stipend to support their work.
- Attend an orientation at UC Berkeley to prepare for summer fieldwork (Friday, April 16)
- Submit an informal mid-term report from the field (May-September)
- Attend an informal gathering upon return from the field (Friday, September 10)
- Present at a formal conference held during the fall semester at UC Berkeley (Saturday, November 6)
- Complete all assignments and participate in all fellowship events in person (if the current circumstances change)
- Membership in a lifelong alumni community

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?
   ● Why are you interested in addressing this issue? Do you have a particular interest/expertise/experience in this area?
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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 Katia Todorova and sent directly to iiprogram@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, Nancy Postero, npostero@ucsd.edu. Nancy Postero will lead an information session on Friday, January 15th at 1pm and on January 29th at 10am.

Some additional information:
● This information and a set of FAQs can also be found online at: internationalinstitute.ucsd.edu.
● The deadline for applications and all supporting documents is February 19, 2021.
● Applicants must submit their complete application in PDF format by the deadline to iiprogram@ucsd.edu. The letters of recommendation must be sent by the deadline directly by the recommenders to iiprogram@ucsd.edu. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
● Applicants will be notified by mid-March 2021.
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 your campus’s CPHS website. IRB review can be a very lengthy process. We encourage applicants to start the process as soon as possible.
Name ________________________________________________________________

Home address __________________________________________________________

Gender ______________________ Preferred Pronouns ________________________

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: __________________________________________

Student Status: Undergrad_____ Grad ________ Year ________ Campus ____________

School/Depart./Major ___________________________________________________

Faculty Advisor _______________________________________________________

Letters of recommendation will be sent by:

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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___________________________________________________
Instructions: 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 in person (April 16, 2021)
  - Submit an informal mid-term report from the field (May-September 2021)
  - Attend an informal get-together upon return from the field in person (Sept. 10, 2021)
  - Present at a formal conference held during the fall semester at UC Berkeley (Saturday, November 6, 2021)

- [ ] I understand that fellows are expected to complete all assignments on time and participate in all fellowship events in person (if the current circumstances change). 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____________________________