

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION 2017-2018

OVERVIEW

The International Law and Human Rights (ILHR) Fellowship Program is coordinated by the [Center for Human Rights and Global Justice](#) (CHRGJ) and the [Institute for International Law and Justice](#) (IILJ), with support from the [Public Interest Law Center](#) (PILC). The International Law and Human Rights Fellowship Program is designed to provide NYU Law students with the opportunity to gain education in the theory and practice of international and human rights law.

The program consists of three main components:

- a 10-12 week funded internship at an organization working in human rights or international law, usually in the summer, although graduating LL.Ms and JSDs may in some cases elect to complete it in the fall
- pre-internship preparation and training in the form of course requirements and a series of not for credit seminars in the spring
- a post-internship academic research paper under the supervision of NYU faculty or staff

ELIGIBILITY

All currently enrolled, full-time 1L, 2L, LL.M, and JSD students at NYU School of Law are eligible to apply. Students selected for the ILHR Fellowship will receive a stipend of \$4,500 (for 1Ls) or \$6,500 (for 2Ls, LL.Ms and JSDs).

TERMS

- ILHR Fellowships are a minimum of 10 weeks.
- Students awarded an ILHR fellowship are required to accept it. You must accept the placement for which you have applied and are recommended. No exceptions will be made.
- Internship placements are subject to approval by the host organization. In rare cases when an organization does not accept our recommended Fellows, Fellows will maintain their status within the program and CHRGJ will work with Fellows to identify a suitable alternative placement.
- Financial support for summer placements at Fellowship host organizations is only available to NYU Law students who apply through the ILHR Fellowship program (see Financial Award section below).
- Fellows are responsible for obtaining their own work visas, permits, medical insurance, and any other requirements of the placement.

REQUIREMENTS

(1) PRE-INTERNSHIP TRAINING

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Course requirements

- **1L Fellows** must enroll in *International Law for 1Ls* in Spring 2018

ILLJ not-for-credit seminars

- **LLM, JSD, and 2L Fellows** must attend a series of not-for-credit seminars in Spring 2018
- **1L Fellows** are required to attend selected sessions of the above seminars, as long as their schedule permits

Human Rights Placements

Course requirements

- **1L Fellows** must enroll in *International Law for 1Ls* in Spring 2018
- **2L, LLM, JSD Fellows with no current or prior graduate-level training in international law or human rights** must enroll in a public international law or human rights course of their choosing in Spring 2018

CHRGJ not-for-credit seminars

- **All Fellows** placed at human rights or international criminal law organizations will be expected to attend a series of 3-5 seminars organized by CHRGJ in Spring 2018 to build professional and cultural competence

(2) PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Duration

All ILHR Fellows are required to work a minimum of 10 weeks at their placement organization. Some organizations require a 12-week minimum stay. These time periods are longer than the minimum required by the PILC Summer Funding Program. Please factor in the cost and other law school requirements and activities when committing to this longer period. Fellows are expected to prioritize this internship when organizing their schedules. In certain limited circumstances, the on-site duration may be adjusted up to 3 days. Requests for such adjustments (1) can be made only after the Fellow's placement has been confirmed, (2) must first be cleared by CHRGJ, and (3) will only be granted subject to the agreement of both CHRGJ and the placement organization.

Also subject to the agreement of the placement organization, LLM Fellows may opt to begin their internship in the fall, so long as the 10-12 week period is completed by the end of calendar year 2018. Where known, we have noted organizations that have confirmed they would accept a fall placement for LLMS. Where no information regarding timing is referenced, it is because the organization has not specified; in those cases, a fall placement may be possible but is not guaranteed.

(3) RESEARCH PAPER

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Fellows placed with the ILC must complete a supervised research paper on an international law or human rights issue to be agreed upon in advance with academic supervisors at NYU. The paper will be due by **November 16, 2018** and cannot be used for course credit.

Human Rights Placements

Fellows placed with human rights or international criminal law organizations are strongly encouraged to undertake a supervised research project on a human rights or international law topic related to or inspired by their summer internship. CHRGI will serve as an advising resource for JDs who seek to do this research for academic credit through Directed Research (usually 2 credits) or through a seminar of some relevance to the topic (1-credit). CHRGI will also support LLM graduates by helping them find supervisors with relevant expertise to provide guidance and feedback. Paper requirements and deadlines will be determined by the Fellow in agreement with the faculty or other expert supervisor, as well as the credit framework where applicable. The overall aim should be to produce something of publishable quality, and we encourage Fellows who are still enrolled at NYU to submit their work to our spring Emerging Scholarship Conference.

(4) REPORTING AND ADVISING REQUIREMENTS

Upon completion of their internship, all ILHR Fellows must submit a PILC Intern Report. This report is required of everyone and is different than the research paper. Their goal is to share useful information about the placement with other students considering the organization. It also provides valuable feedback for the fellowship program organizers. JDs must submit the report to PILC by **August 31, 2018**.

LLMs and JSDs will submit the report to CHRGI by the same date, unless they are completing a fall placement, in which case they will be asked to submit their reports within one week of completion of their internship.

In addition to completing a PILC Intern Report, ILHR Fellows are expected to: share their experiences at the annual fellowship dinner in mid-September 2018 and to give guidance to prospective fellows via email and, for those who are in New York, via information sessions organized by CHRGI.

FINANCIAL AWARD

Fellows will receive a stipend of \$4,500 (1Ls) or \$6,500 (2Ls, LLMs and JSDs). Stipends are paid in U.S. dollars and are awarded on a needs-blind basis. Funding for JD Fellows is provided through PILC's Summer Funding Program. JD Fellows must be eligible for and fulfill all requirements of PILC's Summer Funding Program.

Expenses related to some internship placements, including airfare, housing, inoculations and the like, may exceed the amount provided by the stipend. Information about costs associated with most internships can be found in internship reports available on PILC's website. In addition, Fellows who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, depending on their country's tax treaty with the United States, may find that their stipend amount is reduced due to taxes.

Financial support from NYU School of Law for summer internships at ILHR host organizations is available only to students selected as ILHR Fellows. This does not preclude NYU funding for summer internships at

other international law or human rights organizations, nor does it preclude funding for different *offices* of ILHR organizations, e.g. the defense office of the ECCC, or a different ICTJ field office. This rule is in place because we have reached specific agreements with the host organizations that our Fellows are carefully matched and have received additional training to prepare them for the internship. This is an important incentive for the organizations to participate in the ILHR Fellowship Program. In exchange, they agree to prioritize ILHR Fellows in their recruitment process.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants will be asked to submit an application packet consisting of (1) **cover page and placement preference form**, (2) **CV**, (3) **academic transcript**, and (4) **a statement of interest for each organization to which they apply**. Each statement of interest should explain why the applicant would like to work with that particular organization and what they will bring to the position. This year's application cover page and placement preference forms, along with detailed instructions, will be posted on CHRGI's website on **Friday, October 6**.

Interviews will take place **November 15-17, 2017** and will be conducted by a committee of international human rights lawyers, scholars, and advocates.

Selected Fellows will be notified before the winter break. The timing of placement confirmation will vary depending on the organization. Some organizations have pre-determined selection calendars and may require Fellows to submit separate formal application materials. When this is the case, Fellows are expected to submit additional materials in an expeditious manner and notify CHRGI of their completion. **No placement will be final until the Fellow has been approved by respective placement organization supervisors.** In the rare event when this does not happen, the student will retain the ILHR Fellow designation and funding, and CHRGI will work with the Fellow to identify a well-suited alternative placement.

TIMELINE

Friday, October 6	Application materials and final list of organizations posted
Sunday, November 5	Applications due
Wednesday, November 15 – Friday, November 17	Interviews of short-listed applicants
Thursday, December 21	Fellowship recipients notified
January – April*	Organizational placements confirmed

*Most placements are confirmed by February, but a few organizations have formal programs with later selection dates and are unable to confirm before then. However, CHRGI works closely with these host organizations towards ensuring that any potential concerns with the recommended candidate are flagged and addressed early on.