2023-2024 | Call for Applications: Human Rights Scholars Program

The Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (CHRGJ) is accepting applications for its 2023-2024 cohort of Human Rights Scholars.

The program offers the opportunity for currently enrolled NYU students to:
- contribute to the CHRGJ’s activities as research assistants,
- join the CHRGJ’s human rights community,
- and undertake independent writing projects under the guidance of CHRGJ faculty and staff.

Program Components

SCOPE OF WORK

2024 Projects and Positions
- Human Rights Scholars will work with CHRGJ faculty and staff to further the Center’s research agenda and to support the design and implementation of the Center’s projects, workshops, and other programming.
- Each Human Rights Scholar will be assigned a primary supervisor from among CHRGJ faculty or staff.

COMMUNITY

Human Rights Scholars will be integrated into CHRGJ’s community of staff, faculty, visiting scholars, and students through invitations to its social events, research workshops, and expert convenings.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship is vital to preparing students for careers in human rights. CHRGJ HR Scholars:
- who are interested in working on their own academic research projects are encouraged to apply,
- will benefit from guidance and feedback from CHRGJ faculty
- could earn academic credit, at the discretion of their supervisor through NYU’s Directed Research program or through enrollment in a course with a writing component taught by CHRGJ faculty
- will be encouraged to submit contributions to the annual International Law and Human Rights Emerging Scholarship Conference, a forum that provides students with the unique opportunity to receive detailed feedback from experts and peers in order to prepare work of publishable quality.
- could write a blog post for CHRGJ’s blog, a platform that allows them to develop the skills necessary to communicate complex topics to a lay audience.
Application

ELIGIBILITY

The Human Rights Scholars Program will begin in Fall 2023 and continue through the academic year 2023-2024. Applicants must:

- Be enrolled NYU Law Student in any degree program (JD, LLM, JSD)
- Demonstrate commitment to human rights and social justice
- Have excellent research and writing skills
- Able to work independently in a professional environment
- Demonstrate potential for engage and rigorous scholarship or applied research

TERMS

Research undertaken for the CHRGJ will be:
- compensated at $15.00/hour
- or undertaken for RA academic credit; please note that 1L students are ineligible to be RAs for credit.

Workloads will vary by supervisor. Work will be assigned on an as-needed basis.
- All applicants should be prepared to contribute:
  - a minimum of 60 hours per semester
  - with a maximum of 20 hours per week of RA assistance.

TIMELINE

- Applications are due by September 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
- Selected candidates will be notified by September 15, 2023

APPLY

To apply, please submit the following documents through this application form using your NYU login information:

- Cover letter detailing your qualifications, specific research interests, and any relevant background or experience where applicable (max 500 words)
- CV
- Unofficial transcript from NYU Law (even if this is your first semester)
- English-language writing sample (10 pages max, excerpts acceptable)
- Review 2024 Projects and Positions to review scope of work, and identify which project(s) you are applying to (min. 1; max. 3)

We encourage applications from persons of color, LGBTQI persons, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities. NYU is an equal opportunity employer.

Inquiries about the program or application process can be sent to chrgj@nyu.edu.