International Women’s Human Rights (IWHR) Clinic  
Summer Internship Placement and Grant Program  
Summer 2013

About the Clinic: The IWHR Clinic trains students who plan to work as human rights lawyers, either internationally or as a component of their social justice work in the United States.

Who can apply? We are looking for CUNY Law Students who have a strong interest in gender justice, international law and human rights. Interns are placed with organizations working on human rights internationally or domestically to enable students to gain substantive human rights work experience. Some of the internships require a minimum commitment of 8 weeks. Internship placements and grants are only open to 2nd year CUNY Law Students. In the event that placements are still available, we will open the process to 1st year CUNY Law Students after December 1st.

About the Internship Opportunities: The IWHR Clinic will help place students at 6 leading human rights organization with offices abroad or in the U.S. Grant funding will be available for a limited number of international internships. All New York based internships are unfunded. Internship placements and the number of grants issued will depend upon the number of qualified applicants, the needs of the sponsoring organizations, and financial resources.

The following is a list of internship opportunities:

Centre for Civil and Political Rights/UN Human Rts. Committee, Geneva, Switzerland
This internship will be primarily for the Centre for Civil and Political Rights. The Centre aims to promote, facilitate and develop NGO engagement with the UN Human Rights Committee, the UN body in charge of monitoring the implementation of the rights protected by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). For the last three weeks in July, this internship will be for Ms. Zonke Majodina, UN Human Rights Committee Member during the UN Human Rights Committee 108th Session in Geneva. Intern(s) will prepare reports and conduct briefings on human rights practices of states parties under the ICCPR; prepare questions for state report hearings; research and analyze reports from Special Rapporteurs, agencies, NGO submissions, as well as legislation and penal codes.

Center for Reproductive Rights, Bogotá, Colombia; Nairobi, Kenya; or Kathmandu, Nepal
The Center for Reproductive Rights is an international women’s human rights NGO dedicated to ensuring that reproductive rights are recognized as fundamental human rights that all governments must respect, protect and ensure. The internship will provide opportunities to do human rights advocacy around reproductive health issues in Latin America, Africa or Asia, and may include human rights fact-finding research, drafting of legal memos, and assisting on other advocacy projects. Interns interested in working in Latin America will be based out of the Center’s office in Bogotá and must have working knowledge of English and Spanish. Interns interested in working in Africa will be based out of the Center’s office in Nairobi. Interns interested in working in Asia will be based out of the Center’s office in Kathmandu. Applicants must be available for a minimum of eight weeks.
**European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights, Berlin, Germany**  
The European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR) is an international NGO that uses strategic human rights litigation to establish legal precedent and advance human rights around the world. The internship trains young lawyers to utilize human rights norms in judicial practices at both the national and international level. Interns will engage in a variety of projects to support the work of ECCHR’s Gender and Human Rights project, including conducting legal research, drafting legal and non-legal writs, and participating in internal discussions around case strategy. Interns also have the opportunity to attend regularly organized lectures by experts and international events in Berlin on the development of human rights legislation and foreign relations.

**International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, New York, NY**  
The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) is an international LGBT human rights organization dedicated to human rights advocacy on behalf of people who experience discrimination or abuse on the basis of their actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. This internship will include significant hands-on experience in research and writing for use in advocacy related to human rights violations affecting LGBT communities around the world. A major responsibility of the internship includes assisting with the drafting of shadow reports to the United Nations as well as other regional and international human rights bodies. Other responsibilities may also include drafting correspondences to UN human rights monitoring mechanisms or preparing memorandums of law on international issues. Ideal candidates will have a demonstrated academic and/or extracurricular interest in social justice, human rights, and/or LGBT issues and strong writing abilities.

**Legal Aid Society, New York, NY**  
This internship will be with the Trafficking Victims Legal Defense and Advocacy Project at the Legal Aid Society, the primary public defender in New York City. The internship will provide an opportunity to assist in the direct representation of individuals charged with prostitution offenses in New York’s Criminal Courts in an effort to better identify and assist victims of trafficking and exploitation. Interns will also work with the project attorney to represent survivors of trafficking as they seek to vacate their prior criminal convictions for prostitution offenses, and to support the project’s advocacy and policy initiatives. Applicants must be available for a minimum of eight weeks.

**Women’s Link Worldwide, Bogotá, Colombia or Madrid, Spain**  
Women’s Link Worldwide is an international women’s human rights legal NGO. The internship aims to train young lawyers interested in gender issues in order to increase the number of activists committed to gender justice in the future. Interns will work with attorneys and prepare summaries of legal decisions from courts all over the world, conduct legal research and assist in the strategic work of Women’s Link. Applicants must have working knowledge of English and Spanish and be available for a minimum eight weeks.
How To Apply:
Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter, statement of interest and CV. In your cover letter, please indicate which internship you are most interested in applying for (and country if applicable). If you are interested in more than one internship, please list them in order of preference. In your statement of interest, please tell us why you are interested in the internship choice(s) you have made and what skills you bring. The statement of interest should be no more than 2 pages. IWHR will schedule a short meeting with each applicant to discuss placement preferences. In addition, some internships may require interviews with the host organizations. Please email your cover letter, statement of interest and CV to: Dorothy Matthew at matthew@mail.law.cuny.edu.

For More Information:
For more information about the internships, please contact Professors Soohoo (cynthia.soohoo@mail.law.cuny.edu) or Davis (davisl@mail.law.cuny.edu) or Clinic Fellow Suzannah Phillips (suzannah.phillips@mail.law.cuny.edu).

Applications are due by October 26th at midnight. Internship announcements will be made by mid-December.