

**International Women's Human Rights (IWHR) Clinic
Summer Internship Program
Summer 2012**

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 clinic partners to enable students interested in taking the IWHR Clinic to do extensive work in the field and develop strong relationships with partners. Some of the internships require a minimum commitment of 8 weeks. Preference will be given to 2nd year CUNY Law Students but 1st year students may apply.

About the Internship Opportunities: The IWHR Clinic currently has 5 cutting-edge legal internship opportunities available for the summer of 2012 in Bogota Colombia, Geneva Switzerland, Nairobi, Kenya, New York NY and Nepal/India. **Scholarship assistance will be available for a limited number of interns who demonstrate a financial need.** The number of internships granted 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:

Bogotá, Colombia or Madrid, Spain – Women's Link Worldwide

This internship will be with Women's Link Worldwide, 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.

Bogota, Colombia, Nairobi, Kenya, Nepal or India – Center for Reproductive Rights

This internship will be with the Center for Reproductive Rights, 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 Colombia will be based out of the Center's office in Bogota and must have working knowledge of English and Spanish. Interns interested in working in Asia may be based with Center partners in Nepal or India. Applicants must be available for a minimum of eight weeks.

Geneva, Switzerland- Centre for Civil and Political Rights/UN Human Rts. Committee

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 102nd 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.

New York, NY – Legal Aid Society

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.

New York, NY - MADRE

This internship will be at MADRE, an international women’s human rights organization that aims to apply human rights to social change initiatives, advance and improve the human rights framework and to make international law relevant and accountable to the people it is meant to serve. This internship will focus on developing and implementing strategies to advance women’s human rights under international law, including researching and drafting legal memoranda for international legal cases including with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; conducting briefings on human rights practices of governments under human rights treaty bodies; drafting correspondences to government officials and UN representatives.

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. Please also indicate whether you have an interest in applying for the IWHR Clinic for your third year of law school. The statement of interest should be no more than 2 pages. Some internships may require additional interviews with the host organizations. **Please email your cover letter, statement 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 or Davis.

Applications are due by November 20th at midnight. Internship announcements will be made in the beginning of December.